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Refugees in Skopje pretending they are handcuffed on Tuesday to dramatize the circumstances of the airlift.

# A High-Risk Gamble in East Timor

## Call for Uprising Is Seen as Bid to Draw In UN Peacekeepers

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — By calling for an armed uprising in East Timor against pro-Indonesian forces, the rebel leader Xanana Gusmao is adopting a high-risk tactic to get a United Nations peacekeeping contingent into the disputed territory as quickly as possible, analysts and associates of Mr. Gusmao said

They say he is acting now because the international community is reluctant to move and preoccupied with the Kosovo

By Reed V. Landberg

Blumberg News

are preparing for an investment boom in Libya after Tripoli turned over two sus-

pects in the 1988 Pan Am bombing, clearing the way for the United Nations

ENI SpA of Italy, already Libya's

biggest foreign oil producer, and Lasmo

PLC of Britain are among the compa-

nies that are planning to expand in-

Their activities will put further strains on continued sanctions that Washington

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to suspend sanctions.

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TRIPOLI - European oil companies

Indonesian troops arriving in East Timor on Tuesday amid new violence.

crisis. There is a real danger, they added, that as a result of his call Monday for "a general popular insurrection" in East Timor, violence in the former Por-tuguese colony will intensify.

In fresh wolence Tuesday, Indone-an proper killed at least 40 civilians when they attacked an East Timorese church, spraying it with bullets and hurling grenades, Reuters reported from Jakarta, quoting pro-independence groups. Soldiers stormed the church in Liquisa, 30 kilometers west of the territorial capital, Dili, where more than 2,000 men, women and children were

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oil companies to leave the country.

for investment - due to the drop in the

price of oil more than the embargo.
Oil income, accounting for 95 per-

cent of the nation's hard-currency earnings, fell more than one-third last year as crude prices touched 12-year lows. That

forced Libya to devalue its currency by

18 percent in December.

"Oil companies will now feel more

comfortable in talking with the Libyan

government about potential projects."

said Mohammed Abduljabbar, who is

an industry consultant with the Petro-

leum Finance Co. in Washington. "It

will allow Libya to rehabilitate its oil

Lifting UN sanctions means that in-

While the European Union has no ban

ternational flights to Tripoli could be resumed and Libya could buy supplies

on oil drilling in Libya, the six-hour drive from Tunisia to Tripoli is an or-

deal that has warded off many Western

["I don't think it is an issue of the

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to refurbish oil-export equipment.

sheltered after attacks by pro-Jakarta loyalists Monday.]

East Timorese a choice between wideranging autonomy or independence, Indonesian and foreign officials said. Portugal and Indonesia were aiming

Habibie of Indonesia said Tuesday that Mr. Gusmao's call to arms threatened

ficult for Indonesia to hold credible parliamentary and presidential elections between June and November. Mr. Gusmao is both commander of the East Timorese guerrillas, who have been fighting since Indonesian forces invaded East Timor in 1975 and an-

nexed it the following year, and president of the National Council of Timorese Resistance, an umbrella group representing East Timorese who want independence.

#### Europeans Line Up to Join New York Euro Pound Yen DM Tuesday @ 4 P.M. previous di \*Libya's Awaited Oil Boom imposed independently on Libya two years before the bombing, in response to terrorist incidents that forced American On Tuesday, the two Libyan suspects were charged with murder and con-spiracy in connection with the bomb that exploded on the Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people. (Page 8) Libya has lost \$24 billion in potential oil revenues since the UN sanctions were imposed in 1992 and is desperate 2,563.16

A surge in violence may delay or even abort a plan by Indonesia to offer

to finalize details of such a plan at another round of talks in New York later this month brokered by the United Na-But a senior aide to President B.J.

the whole peace process.

This is clearly very unfortunate,

Dewi Fortuna Anwar, Mr. Habibie's senior foreign policy adviser, said in Jakarta. "The government is very serious about finding a peaceful solution. It will only inflame the situation." The United States, Japan and Australia also expressed concern at Mr. Gusmao's move, which they fear could not only lead to full-scale civil war in

East Timor but also make it more dif-

He issued his written statement from See TIMOR, Page 2

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# Milosevic Calls a Cease-Fire **But NATO Stands By Terms**

#### Terrified Refugees in Limbo

By Carlotta Gall

SKOPJE, Macedonia -- Confusion and a desperate anxiety have spread through the Kosovar Albanian refugees here as Macedonian authorities pressed on with their shipment of people abroad and Serbian police forced refugees still stuck in Kosovo to return to the provincial capital, Pristina.

In the misery of mud and stench of Blace, the sprawling mess of makeshift homes made from blankets and plastic sheets at the Kosovo border, refugees are now tormented with

Several hundred refugees left for Turkey or Norway on Monday, and hundreds more followed Tuesday, when six busloads of refugees were driven in to Skopje's airport to board a plane to Turkey. (Page 5)

More planes were lined up on the tarmac, and the transport of hundreds more refugees was expected to carry on through the night, the police said.

Some of the refugees, ethnic Turks, talked through the bus windows and said they were going willingly. But others said they had been forced by police to go and that they did not even know where they were headed.

Violence has broken out in the no man's land along the border, and refugees talk of Serbian police using force to haul

Occupants of about 300 to 400 cars still waiting to cross into Macedonia from Kosovo were ordered back to Pristina by Serbian police Monday.

Contacted by telephone Tuesday, they said they had been rounded up and chased from the capital a week ago and now were being sent back to a town that at that time was being systematically depopulated.

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#### Allied Bombing Heaviest Yet

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Serbia declared a unilateral cease-fire for its forces in Kosovo on Tuesday, but the NATO allies rejected it and said that the quickening allied air offensive would continue until Serbian troops left the province and until international guarantees had been put in place for the return home by more than a million refugees.

Washington and key European capitals brushed aside the Serbian overture as Western emergency relief started making inroads in coping with the plight of masses of Kosovar

For the first time, allied planes hit Serbian tanks operating in Kosovo - with officials saying that air power was starting to knock out armor and deprive tanks and other vehicles of fuel as the alliance moved to drive Belgrade's troops out of

In what a NATO official called "our most intensive night of operations yet," four waves of warplanes bombed more than 30 targets on Monday night, cutting a third bridge over the Danube and destroying a major oil-storage depot. These were among other targets hit in a dozen towns and military areas in Kosovo and Serbia.

All the allied aircraft returned safely, officials said.

Serbian tanks were photographed during the night sorties and allied strike planes then went out for ground attacks during daylight, Air Commodore David Wilby said during a briefing at the NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Finally, with the weather clearing and the Serbian air defenses weakening, NATO was "very close to achieving our aim of localizing fielded forces" — meaning Serbian armor units, which now would be pounded relentlessly, he said.

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An overview of the Serb town of Aleksinac showing the destruction by NATO bombs that missed their targets.

## 'Technical Defect' Kills 7 in Serb Town

novic was watching when she heard the ining town at about

nything, but he said said Tuesday as she morning sun, stand-l of Vuka Karadzica

osion, and it felt like the sofa and pulled

ses across the street h body parts visible Dragan and Dragica Milodinovic, and their 42-year-old daughter, Snezana, were dead, their daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Marko and Dijana, badly wounded in the hospital.

The people responsible for this should be tried," she shouted, beginning to weep. "We will not take revenge, but we will not be slaves." In what NATO called an accident of war, NATO bombs

demolished two residential areas in this quiet, small town of 20,000 people, killing at least seven of them and wounding nearly 50 others, local police said.

The explosions also damaged the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's reputation for surgical precision in its undeclared war from the air against President Slobodan Mi-

losevic of Yugoslavia and his policies in Kosovo.

In Brussels, with the dry precision of the well-briefed modern military man, Air Commodore David Wilby said: "It is possible that one of our weapons fell short of the target." NATO was aiming at an army barracks that houses the 203d Mixed Artillery Brigade, he said, but the munitions apparently fell 1,800 feet (550 meters) away.

He regretted any loss of life, he said. "Despite our meticulous and careful pre-attack planning," he said, "the law of

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# Pictures of the Refugees Solidify Support for NATO

## U.S. Consensus Now Backs a Ground War

By Dan Balz Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - With remarkable speed, a consensus supporting the deployment of U.S. ground forces in Kosovo has formed in Washington, and a Washington Post-ABC News Poll shows a similar shift in public opinion, with 55 percent of the public saying they

would support such an expansion. . Even as the Clinton administration continues to rule out ground forces until "a permissive environment" exists in Kosovo, foreign policy experts and key members of Congress are making the case that deployment may be inevit-

money or spare parts," Abdel Monem Said Aly, director of Al Ahram Center They argue that, with the air war in for Political and Strategic Studies in Yugoslavia not achieving its immediate Cairo, told The Associated Press. "It is objective of stopping President Slobodan Milosevic, if may take such a risky commitment to deal with the hu-

manitarian disaster unfolding on the

Foreign policy analysts say some of the old notions of left and right have gone out the window in the post-Cold

Instead, the consensus for what could be a wider war in Europe fuses the humanitarian instincts of many on the left, who are outraged by the scenes of refugees flooding into Macedonia and Albania, with realpolitik advocates who argue that U.S. power and prestige must be protected in a conflict with a leader such as Mr. Milosevic.

"Very early on, there was among the foreign policy establishment a realization that this was real, that this was not just a bit of bombing, but that it basically was a declaration of war." said Ivo Dualder of the Brookings Institution in

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## 'Scenes From Europe's Darkest Hour'

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

LONDON - Television images of refugees staggering out of Kosovo are having a powerful effect on public opinion across Europe, turning pacifists and anti-NATO activists of decades ago and NATO critics of just a week ago into

supporters of sustained bombing. In Madrid, Francisco Sanchez, a 25year-old construction company office worker, has watched the coverage and felt a national kinship with the refugees suffering. "Spaniards also have emigrated when we were in need," he said as he waited at a bus stop outside the

In Italy, the images of Kosovars packed onto exile trains have brought the war home with chilling reminders of moments from "Life Is Beautiful," the

Prado, "and we should accept them

#### Holocaust story by the Academy Award-winning actor Roberto Benigni.

In Britain, Prime Minister Tony Blair said that for him the pictures were 'scenes that belong to Europe's darkest

> Newscasts and front pages are filled daily with accounts of brutality and suffering and deeply affecting pictures of people stranded in border fields, streaming across frontiers in forced marches and crowding around relief workers for

Roy Hattersley, a former British Labour Party deputy leader and government minister, wrote in Monday's Guardian: "My own doubts about the bombing — expressed in this column last week — have been completely removed by seven days of pictures. A NATO victory is the only real hope of

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Agence France-Presse

BEIJING — The trial of a former Communist Party official who called for democratic reforms in China has been postponed indefinitely after the United States pressed for his release, a U.S. official said Tuesday.

the Chinese side to release Fang Jue. the U.S. official said.

Washington pointed out "the inauspiciousness of the timing of the trial" and indicated that if there was to be a trial, the United States wanted to have an observer present, he said.

By Paul Blustein

WASHINGTON - For Xerox Corp..

Like other manufacturers shipping

goods to China. Xerox has been bedeviled for years by Beijing's require-

ment that foreign exporters use gov-emment-run trading companies and dis-

tributors to sell their products. The rules

effectively prevent Xerox from dealing directly with customers and providing

But now, in recent negotiations with

the United States over Beijing's bid to enter the World Trade Organization.

Chinese officials have offered to phase

out these rules for many sectors, and Xerox executives are delighted with the

prospect of a deal that could lead to

substantial increases in exports of their

U.S. made office equipment.

"We're encouraged by what we're hearing." said J. Michael Farren, Xer-

ox's representative in Washington. "We would very much like to be able to set up

the same kind of distribution operations

in China that we have elsewhere. If a

deal is struck, that would be a critical

That's a big "if."
With Prime Minister Zhu Rongji of

China having arrived Tuesday in Los

Angeles to meet Thursday with Pres-

ident Bill Clinton in Washington, in-

tensive negotiations are under way for an

accord that could lead to China gaining

Such a deal would gild the Chinese

leader's trip, which otherwise is marred

by discord over human rights. Taiwan,

the war in Yugoslavia and China's al-

But while China has gone surprisingly far in recent weeks toward meeting U.S.

demands that it eliminate trade barriers,

the U.S. trade representative, Charlene

Barshefsky, is insisting that Beijing go

further if it wants Washington's support

trade organization.
On Monday the two sides jockeyed

Long Yongtu, the chief negotiator for

China, announced, "We are very close

to getting this agreement." He said the

agreement would be "very attractive to

the U.S. business community;" a remark

that appeared aimed at rallying U.S. businesses to pressure Mr. Clinton's ad-

But Jay Ziegler, a spokesman for Mrs. Barshefsky. said, "We still have sub-stantial differences across major areas."

At stake is a potentially major step

As a member of the WTO, China

would be required to abide by such in-

ternational trade principles as "national

treatment," which restricts countries

from treating foreign companies less fa-

Beijing also would be expected to

But some key U.S. industries remain

dissatisfied with Chinese plans to main-

tain barriers in their sectors, and it is

abide by WTO accords, such as the 1998

pact reducing to zero the tariffs on high-

vorably than domestic ones.

technology goods.

toward integrating the world's most

populous country into the global eco-

for public-relations advantage.

ministration to compromise.

nomic system.

membership in the WTO this year.

leged theft of U.S. nuclear secrets.

element of the agreement."

hopes suddenly are rising for significantly better access to China's poten-

tially vast market.

satisfactory service.

**U.S. Sees Growing Signs** 

Of Trade Shift by China

where China's human-rights record is expected to be roundly condemned.

Mr. Zhu arrived in Los Angeles on Tuesday and began a visit packed with meetings with city and business leaders to discuss future partnerships between China and Los Angeles in business. "We did make representations urging trade, technology, and entertainment, according to a statement issued by the

Mr. Fang, 44, was to be tried Tuesday in Beijing after his indictment March 22 for fraud and illegal business practices. He has denied the charges.

He published an essay in early 1998 The postponement of the trial came as calling for democratic reforms and Prime Minister Zhu Rongji left Beijing claimed to represent a silent constitufor an eight-day visit to the United States, ency of like-minded middle- and high-

U.S. business community behind a

world trading rules is considerably bet-

ter than leaving it outside the rules of the road that the rest of us live by," said Robert Kapp, president of the U.S.-China Business Council, which repre-

sents major multinational corporations.
"But it depends on the agreement."

Both sides are operating under severe

Chinese leaders are struggling to con-

tain rising unemployment amid slow growth, which makes them more loath

than usual to dismantle tariffs, quotas

and other controls that protect domestic

The United States is contending with a Congress where hostility toward China

is running high. Capitol Hill could quash China's WTO bid by blocking a bill that, as one of the deal's essential elements.

would end the requirement that Beijing

gain annual approval of normal trading relations with the United States.

cialists say the United States stands to

benefit considerably from a well-crafted

WTO agreement, while Beijing would bear most of the political pain by ex-

posing its industries to competition.

would be phased in over a number of

ket, and there are obvious constraints on

our access to their markets. So the idea of

withholding WTO membership as a

sanction strikes me as ill-conceived and

that Mr. Zhu, an ardent economic re-

many of the remaining vestiges of Com-

munist economic policies. At least, it

suggests, the prime minister wants to

demonstrate determination to adhere

more closely to global capitalism now

that many foreign companies are losing interest in building factories in China.

"By signing up to the WTO," said Michael Maibach, an Intel Corp. rep-

resentative, "China sends a signal to

investors worldwide that it's going to be a

have gone far toward appeasing U.S.

industries and producer groups, such as

marveled at how far Beijing had come.

"You know the line about the bacon-

"We may have to give up some eggs.

beef, among other things.

China's the pig.

Whatever the motive, the Chinese

friendly home for foreign investment."

But Beijing would gain prestige and

against U.S. interests.

years to give its companies time to ad-

But many economists and China spe-

industries and workers.

Bringing China into the system of

level Communist Party officials. China's human-rights record has long strained ties with the United States. Washington is again seeking to sponsor a resolution censoring Beijing at the annual meeting of the UN Human Rights

Commission in Geneva. Similar U.S.-sponsored resolutions have failed on seven previous occasions. Washington backed down from sponsoring such a resolution last year as the relationship between the two countries warmed over an exchange of summit

Despite assurances of protection of human rights and greater democracy by President Jiang Zemin in October 1997 and June 1998 in his meetings with Presme the trial had been postponed,"

ident Bill Clinton, China has intensified its crackdowns on political dissidents.

Mr. Jiang vowed last year to 'nip in the bud' all dissent before the anniversary this year of China's crushing of pro-democracy protests around Trananmen Square on June 4, 1989, and before Beijing prepared to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China in October.

Mr. Fang's lawyer confirmed that the trial had been postponed but refused to comment on any reasons for the govemment's moves.

"I received a call Monday afternoon from an official at Beijing's No. 2 Intermediate People's Court who informed

the lawyer, Mo Shaoping, said.
The official did not say when the trial

would take place, only that the trial had been postponed because the chief judge had other urgent matters to attend to. A former official of the Water Re-

sources Ministry and the Fujian provincial planning committee, Mr. Fang was detained by the police last July 23 while on his way to meet a friend at a Beijing hotel.

The police tried to press Mr. Fang in June 1998 into striking a deal to provide names of other reform-minded officials in return for freedom from prosecution, the Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China said.

### Stay of Execution MANILA - President Joseph Estrada of the Philippines gave a 90-

3 Filipinos Given

BRIEFLY

day reprieve Tuesday to three men facing execution for killing a po-liceman while robbing 200 pesos (\$5) from passengers of a mini-bus. The three were scheduled to be

put to death Wednesday in what would have been the first multiple execution in a single day in the largely Roman Catholic country since it restored capital punishment

#### Election in Tokyo Too Close to Call

TOKYO - Shintaro Ishihara, 2 nationalist author and former lawnationalist author and former law-maker in Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party, is leading in opinion polls ahead of the election Sunday for a new governor of Tokyo but may not get the 25 percent needed to win, media reports say.

With more than one-third of voters still undecided, predicting the outcome will be tough, the re-

the outcome will be tough, the reports said. The Tokyo race is one of 12 governor elections to be held Sunday along with several other lo-

#### Khmer Rouge Chief Picks New Lawyer

PHNOM PENH - The Khmer Rouge leader Ta Mok has chosen a new lawyer to defend him before the court that charged him with terrorist

and anti-government activities.

The military judge Ney Thol said
Tuesday that Mr. Ta Mok had asked for the Cambodian-American lawyer Benson Samay to defend him, saying he thought Mr. Benson Samay was "old enough to defend my case." Mr. Benson Samay is 56. 24 years older than Chiv Song Hok, the legal counsel who had been appointed last week by the court. (AP)

# U.S. Helps to Fight Asian Sea Pirates

SINGAPORE - The U.S. Navy is helping its Asian counterparts combat the rising threat of sea piracy in the region, Rear Admiral Steve Loeffler, the U.S. Navy Logistics Group Commander for the Western Pacific, said Tuesday.
Pirates killed 67 ship crewmen

worldwide last year, compared with 51 in 1997, mostly in Southeast Asia, where pirates still hirk among thousands of small islands. (AP)

In Washington, the State Department the statement by Mr. Gusmao.



Tuti, the mother of a pro-democracy activist who was taken away by Indonesian Army special forces in 1998 and remains missing, sitting near soldiers Tuesday in Jakarta during the trial of 11 of them on charges of abduction.

## TIMOR: Rebel Leader Says Killings Provoked Call for Uprising clear Tuesday that he would consider revoking his call to arms only if the United Nations acted to restore order in

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house arrest in Jakarta, associates said

Most of China's market-opening moves Pro-independence groups in East Timor said that they would follow Mr. Gusmao's orders. Reuters reported just, but Beijing recently has agreed to

shorten some phase-in periods.
"If we could get a deal, it would do Until Monday, Mr. Gusmao had steadfastly urged his supporters in East more for American firms than for Chinese firms," said Nicholas Lardy of Timor to maintain a cease-fire and work the Brookings Institution. "China already has unlimited access to our marfor peace and reconciliation.

The immediate cause of his reversal of policy was reports Monday that hundreds of armed pro-Indonesia militiamen had attacked pro-independence advocates in East Timor not far from the capital. Dili, leaving at least three persons dead and eight wounded, according

some protection from unilateral trade to some pro-independence sources. Sanctions by joining the WTO. China's Others said as many as 17 had be Others said as many as 17 had been apparent interest in an accord suggests killed.

Mr. Gusmao said in his statement that former, wants a foundation for shedding violence unleashed by the pro-Jakarta militia groups backed by the Indonesian military, and the failure of the international community to intervene to halt that if the rebels returned to armed inthe conflict, had reached an intolerable

'Jakarta's murderous generals force us to violate our compromise," he said.

"I know that the East Timorese people will suffer another bloodbath, but I also

know we have no other alternative." Mr. Gusmao added that because the international community had maintained "an attitude of passivity" about East Timor, "the Indonesian govern-ment feels sufficiently confident of its ability to go on arming more groups all over the territory, and to intensify the campaign of violence to the point of

murdering the population and then blaming the resistance. But Miss Anwar denied charges that the Indonesian military was behind the mounting violence by pro-Jakarta militias, saying that the army supported Jakarta's new policy, first announced by Mr. Habibie in January, of letting East Timorese vote on their future.

"The killings have been mutual," she said. "The way forward is for mod-

Miss Anwar questioned how any direct balloting could be held in has Timor if the violence worsened and said surrection it would be impossible to expect pro-integration groups to lay down

their weapons.

Nonetheless, there is a way out, Mr. "If Indonesia reduced the number of its troops, disarmed the paramilitary groups and allowed the UN to send in a peacekeeping force and organize a ref-

drawn into the East Timor conflict, fearing that it could turn out to be a bloody, costly and protracted UN peacekeeping and troubling development." But Mr. Gusmao's associates made it

conflict would end." The United States, Australia and other regional countries are reluctant to be

East Timor and if the Indonesian mil-

been no sign of good faith on the part of

Indonesia," said an East Timorese win-

ner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Jose

Ramos Horta, in Sydney.
"There have been no actions on the

ground that would confirm that the In-

donesians will allow the people of East

Timor to express their wishes freely on the future of the country," Mr. Ramos Horta added, "For example, Jakarta has not agreed to a UN presence in East

For several months now, there has

itary withdrew.

A spokesman, James Rubin, said: "If

reported correctly, we would urge him to reconsider. 'If true, this would be a dangerous

# Panel Proposes Punishment for Anwar's Beating

KUALA LUMPUR - A royal commission investigating injuries suffered by former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim while he was in police custody recommended action Tuesday against a police officer.

beef ranchers and packers, who want Beijing to slash its 40 percent tariff on The three-man commission presented a report to the Some American business lobbyists said they supported U.S. efforts to wring head of state. Tunku Ja'afar ibni Abdul Rahman, the official Bernama news agency said. No details were given. Anuar Zainal Abidin, chairman of the comevery possible concession but also mission, said action had been recommended against one police officer for causing injuries to Mr. Anwar. "It's a very tough thing we're asking Zhu Rongji to do," said the Washington representative of a major U.S. company.

Only one person is named, and you know who he is," the former chief justice was quoted as saying by Bernama. The commission had been expected to reand-egg breakfasts, about how the commend action against Rahim Noor, the former inchicken was a participant but the pig was committed? Well, we're the chicken, but spector-general of police, who admitted beating Mr. Anwar, saying he had felt provoked when Mr. Anwar

The government ordered an inquiry after Mr. Anwar made his first appearance in court in late September sporting a black eye and a bruised arm.

Deputy Prime Minister Abduliah Ahmad Badawi but the deputy prime minister said his condition was defended the police and said that although the incident stable and not serious. The Associated Press reported. had tarnished their image, it had not caused the public to lose confidence in the police.

'I want to stress that the incident does not reflect the culture or conduct of the Royal Malaysia Police," he said. "It is the conduct of an individual and should not be viewed as that of every policeman or officer."

Karpal Singh, an opposition lawmaker, said the government should begin criminal proceedings against Mr. Rahim, charging that he had "brought the name of the police force into disrepute.

'When there is a wrong, there must be a remedy,' he said. Mr. Karpal, deputy chairman of the Demo-cratic Action Party, said the recommendations should be made public. But it remained uncertain whether the report would be released.

Mr. Abdullah brushed aside rumors that his boss was gravely ill. "Not true, these are concocted stories," hesaid. "It is very unkind to say that." Mr. Abdullah said he did not know when Mr. Mahathir would be discharged from the National Heart Institute, where he was admitted five days ago. He said doctors had told:

him that Mr. Mahathir needed more rest. "If you leave it to the P.M., he wants to come our right away. That's him," Mr. Abdullah was quoted as saying by Bernama. "He is anxious to be in his office to do his work, but his doctors feel he should rest."

Mr. Mahathir, Asia's longest-serving leader, has governed Maiaysia for 18 years.

He became ill after he returned Wednesday from Mecca, Saudi Arabia, where he performed the traditional Islamic pilgrimage. He canceled many of his meetings Prime Minister Mahathir's Condition Is Stable
Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad, 73, remained in the hospital with a lung infection Tuesday,

Mahathir had a triple-bypass heart operation in 1989.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

unclear whether Beijing is willing to but they'll have to give up some flesh to

make enough concessions to unite the get this thing done.

#### British Airways Offers Loans to Travelers

LONDON (AP) - British Airways

began offering travel loans Tuesday of £500 to £15,000 to make it easier for people to splurge on vacations.

The loans, equivalent to \$800 to \$24,000, carry a 15.9 percent annual interest rate and must be repaid in two years. They are available at six of the company's travel shops in Britain.

Standard personal loans will also be available, at an annual interest rate of



Portuguese truck drivers called off a day-old strike Tuesday, saying management had agreed to their wage demands. The National Road Transport Association, which represents trucking companies, said that only a few companies had yielded to the demands and that the union was looking for an honorable end to the strike after a low turnout. (AP)

Germany's renovated Parliament in Berlin, the Reichstag, will be open to the public April 21-25 following its ofexpected to tour the futuristic glass dome and the interior of the neo-Renaissance structure, inaugurated in 1894 and redesigned by the British architect Norskyway inside the glass dome will remain open to the public. (AFP)

#### Correction

rectly, that Bulgaria is a Muslim nation. this nonsense, pure nonsense." The dominant religion is Bulgarian Orthodox Christianity, with about 13 per- clined to say what his next move might cent of the population practicing Islam. be.

#### **Marcos Compensation** To Filipinos Imperiled

Los Angeles Times Service LOS ANGELES - A tentative federal court settlement that would provide \$150 million in compensation for human rights victims of the former Philippines dictator Ferdinand Marcos showed signs of unraveling as the plaintiffs' lawyer sought in vain to strike a key paragraph

from the agreement.

Judge Manuel Real of U.S. District Court refused Monday to alter the setficial opening April 19, officials said tlement's language, warning an attorney, Tuesday. More than 100,000 people are Robert Swift, that he could "wind up with zero" for his 9,539 Filipino clients.

Mr. Swift sought Judge Real's approval to delete a section in the settlement stating that Mr. Marcos's widman Foster. Afterward only the spiraling ow, Imelda, and their children have 'never been charged civilly or crim-(AFP) inally with a human rights violation anywhere in the world" and are "released fully" from any further claims by the plaintiffs in their class-action lawsuit.

"That clause doesn't mean anything An article in Tuesday's editions about to anybody." Judge Real shouted from the strategic importance of Macedonia the bench. "It doesn't mean anything to and regional concerns about the prospect Mrs. Marcos. It doesn't mean anything of a Greater Albania implied, incor- to members of the class. "Let's stop all

Outside the courtroom, the lawyer de-



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# Key Republicans Doubt Party's Budget Lid Will Stay Put

By Guy Gugliotta and George Hager

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WASHINGTON - Congressional Republicans have muscled make the numbers balance out. through a budget proposal that sticks to strict spending limits and allows their party to cast itself as the guardian of fiscal discipline. But the Republican subcommittee chairmen charged with carrying out the plan later this year have a message for

their colleagues: It won't work. Senior appropriators say their leaders have put them in a straitjacket. They must provide large in- chairmen of the House and Senate jacket. They must provide large increases to fund Republican priorities in defense and education, absorb that must provide large increases to fund Republican priorities in defense and education, absorb that fund the federal government revealed the federal government revealed that fund the federal government revealed the federal government revealed that fund the federal government revealed the federal government revealed that fund the federal government revealed th

This is a zero-sum game, and ap-them even as they demand funding does, including programs as diverse resentative Harold Rogers. Repubpropriators warn that they will have for pet programs and projects. to make drastic, politically dangerbeloved projects and programs to

Lawmakers may lose the bridges path to re-election, the appropriators Treasury Department, Postal Sermay suffer. Energy research may agencies, "You never say 'never,' if have to be abandoned, and funding for the National Institutes of Health to terminate shipbuilding contracts.

Kosovo and still hold overall spending at least \$9 billion below last year.

Indicate reduction, about that the reduction of the \$1.7 trinion of the \$1.8 trinion of t

There's an awful lot of people something to get something," said as part of a strategy to bring the Commerce, Justice and State. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, budget within balance in five years. He noted that a year-end to Republican of Colorado, chairman you can't follow through.

Interviews with most of the 26 said: "I don't think we can live relief in Central America.

as energy research, highway building lican of Kentucky, head of the and maintaining U.S. forces in the ous and, some say, unrealistic cuts in around here who don't want to give Balkans. They were imposed in 1997

Although the booming economy and highway overpasses that ease the of the subcommittee that funds the helped balance the budget four years only time that President Bill Clinton ahead of schedule, the caps have had such extraordinary power to say. Maintenance at national parks vice and numerous White House stayed in place and, indeed are proving to be too tight for lawmakers to Congress on spending bills. live with. The House has already for the National Institutes of Health reduced. The Coast Guard may have propriations. Committee. Ted month that included \$195 million to terminate shipbuilding contracts.

Stevens, Republican of Alaska, reimburse the military for hurricane we need this type of disciplinations. The Coast Guard may have propriations and should be maintained.

We need this type of disciplinations.

ing with the caps in Republican whose subcommittee provides for-

House appropriations subcommittee that funds the departments of

He noted that a year-end negotiation like the one last year was the dictate to the Republican-controlled

A few senior appropriators, however, contend that the caps can

line," said Representative Sonny Appropriators said that by stick- Callahan, Republican of Alabama,

#### POLITICAL NOTES

#### Clinton Seeks Hate-Crime Law To Cover Anti-Gay Offenses

WASHINGTON — Assailing "the persistence of old, even primitive harreds," President Bill Clinton asked Congress on Tuesday to expand federal laws against hate crimes to include offenses against homosexuals.

The president also directed the Education and Justice departments to collect and periodically publish data on hate crimes at colleges, including crime statistics as well as surveys on students' racial attitudes.

Mr. Clinton endorsed a public-private partnership de-signed to educate middle-school students against intolerance. The partnership will involve AT&T, Court TV. Cable in the Classroom, the National Middle Schools Association and the Anti-Defamation League working with the Justice and Education departments to develop curricula to combat intolerance.

#### Fight on Health Care Brewing

WASHINGTON - The fight over health-care reform is likely to play a big role on the presidential campaign trail this year and next because Democrats believe it is a clear winner for them. But Republican candidates do not plan to ignore the subject either.

The quality and availability of care offered by healthmaintenance organizations and other forms of managed care have become an issue of increasing concern to voters. The election is 18 months away, but candidates are already signaling how important they consider the issue. Both Vice President Al Gore and Bill Bradley, a former Democratic senator from New Jersey, have promised to make reform of health-care programs a central issue in

#### Quote/Unquote

their campaigns.

Greg Jeffrey, spokesman for Missourians Against Crime, as the state held a referendum Tuesday on whether citizens should be permitted to carry concealed weapons: The honest people of this state need to be able to defend themselves while going from their homes to their busi-

Lisa Pashia, 21, on the same issue: "I understand the constitutional right. But it scares me to think I might accidentally cut someone off with my two girls in the car and they fire at me in road rage. It's scary.

#### **Away From Politics**

• Drug charges have been brought against 11 DaimlerChrysler AG workers in Warren, Michigan, after a 16-month undercover investiga-tion. A forklift operator, William Sturkin, was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine and heroin at a truck assembly plant where he has worked for more than 20 years.

 Commercial shellfish growers were stunned by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling affirming the right of Indian tribes in Washington state to harvest shellfish on private beaches. Growers contend that the ruling could "cripple or destroy" them by allowing tribal members to enter

• An animal rights group, the Animal Liberation Front, has taken responsibility for ransacking research laboratories at the University of Minnesota and taking dozens of rats, pigeons, salamanders and mice. Computers were smashed, lab equipment was tipped over and mi-croscopes and photocopiers were wrecked. The animals were used to research cancer, Parkinson's and other diseases.

 A 22-year-old man accused of to 12 years in prison for knowingly spreading HIV through unprotected sex. Nushawa Williams struck a plea after only two of his infected fice of Theater Air Warfare. partners agreed to testify. (AP)



Judy Shepard holding back tears after her son's killer was sentenced to two consecutive life terms. days before opening arguments were to be-mony at Mr. McKinney's trial this August.

## Gay's Murderer Gets Life Term

LARAMIE, Wyoming — A 21-year-old roofer has pleaded guilty to kidnapping and murdering a gay college student and has been sentenced to serve two consecutive life sen-

Escaping a possible death sentence, Russell Henderson was sentenced Monday by District Judge Jeffrey Donnell for his part in and another man pretended to be homosexuals to lure Mr. Shepard to his death.

You are deserving the fullest punish-

gin in the case. In a sole reference to Mr. Shepard's sexual orientation, the judge said the murder was "part because of his life-style, part for a \$20 robbery." Mr. Shepard was found, barely alive, strung

up on a fence with his head bashed in and his face mutilated. He died five days later.

During the hearing, Mr. Henderson turned to Judy and Dennis Shepard and apologized the beating and murder of the 22-year-old for murdering their son. Mr. Henderson then student, Matthew Shepard, in Laramie six turned on his former friend, Aaron J. McKinmonths ago. The police said Mr. Henderson nev, saying that Mr. McKinney was the mastermind of the Oct. 6 kidnapping of Mr. Shepard from a bar in Laramie.

Lawyers observing the case speculated that ment this court can mete out." the judge said, prosecutors had dropped their bid for a death after accepting a plea bargain agreement two sentence in return for Mr. Henderson's testi-

## Anti-Missile Program Sails Over Projected Cost

By Steve Vogel Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A navy prohave disclosed.

The navy's theater ballistic misinfecting girls and young women sile defense program, which had with the AIDS virus has been sen-tenced in Mayville, New York, to 4 through 2005, will require an adbeen projected to cost \$913 million ditional \$420 million over that time to remain on track, said Captain Paul Schultz, director of the navy's Of-

"That's a pretty significant cost

dards," said Andrew Krepinevich, craft. gram to develop a shipboard anti-director of the Center for Strategic that's going to get a lot of attention

and not a lot of sympathy." The navy missile defense program is aimed at arming its fleet of Aegis cruisers and destroyers with high-altitude interceptor missiles to protect regions where troops are deployed. These interceptors would be equipped with warheads designed to destroy ballistic missiles outside the the Clinton administration.

increase," Captain Schultz said. earth's atmosphere. The intercept"A 50 percent cost overrun is ors also could be used to defend more modest navy program aimed at quite high, even by Pentagon stan- ships and troops from enemy air-

Some defense experts have pushed missile system faces a cost overrun and Budgetary Assessments in the idea of taking the shipboard theat-of close to 50 percent, navy officials Washington. "That's something er defense system a step further and the idea of taking the shipboard theatcreating a national missile defense system, using an expanded Aegis fleet to defend the United States from attack by intercontinental ballistic missiles. Last month, a report from the conservative Heritage Foundation promoted the sea-based approach as being faster and cheaper than a land-based system planned by

defending troops in the field may dampen some of the enthusiasm for a sea-based national missile-defense

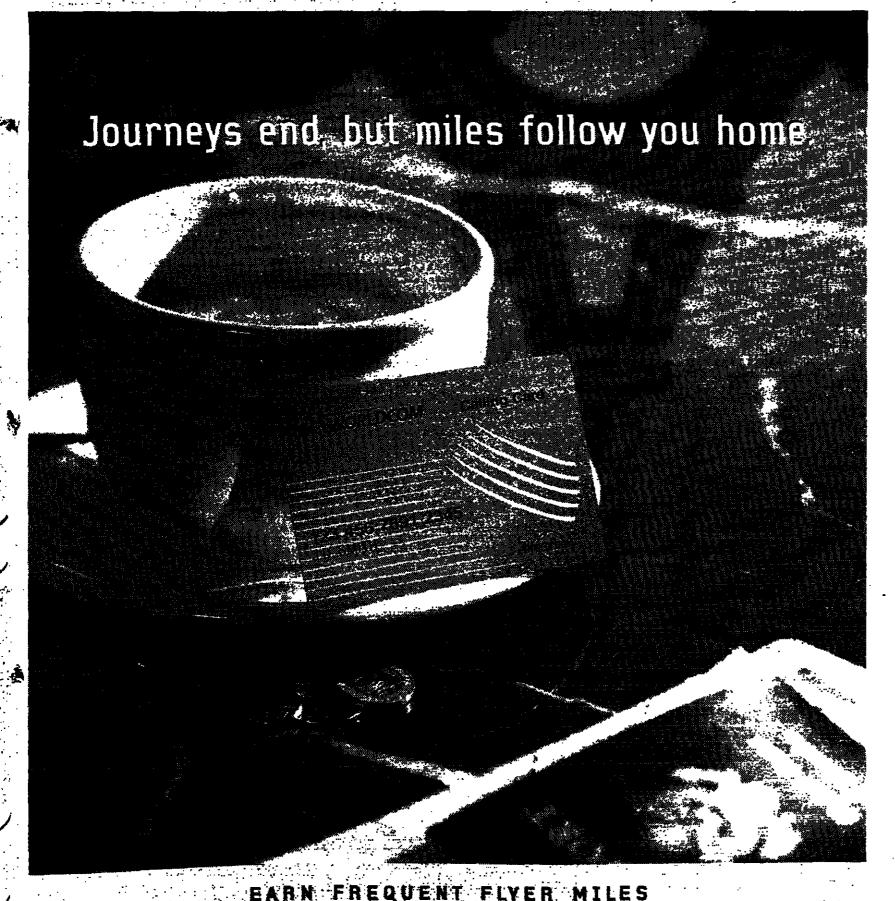
"People were looking at the navy as a prospective savior for missile defense," Mr. Krepinevich said. 'This shows we're not likely to get missile defense on the cheap. We're looking at a national defense program that's going to be very expensive."

Unless additional funding is approved, the navy theater missile defense program could be delayed or killed, navy officials said.

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# At Countless Albanian Homes, a Modern Miracle of the Loaves

By Peter Finn Washington Post Service

VLORA, Albania -- Arhmi Isufi heard on the local news that the first refugees from Kosovo and towns of the Serbian province are safe. had arrived in this southern Albanian port city on

At dawn a week ago Thursday, Mr. Isufi was outside a Vlora soccer stadium, which had been converted to a temporary shelter for refugees. Stepping off a bus, after a grueling, mostly sleep- heart with remarkable speed. less 120-hour journey from the Kosovo city of Pec, was the Hazhiu family — 15 in all.

Mr. Isufi did not know them. He did not need to. By 7 A.M., he was serving breakfast to the Hazhius, and the businessman was busily turning every room in his single-story house into a bedroom. They will stay, Mr. Isufi said, until Kosovo

Without pausing to consider the cost or the

banians say, until the war is over and the villages

Nearly a quarter of a million refugees have entered Albania in the last 14 days. And Europe's poorest country, a potentially beautiful place blighted by poverty, lawlessness and the legacy of an austere communist past, has opened its

The statistics are telling.
According to the Albanian Ministry of Information, more than 130,000 Kosovo refugees have found shelter in the homes of ordinary Albanians. The government estimates that there are now 122,000 people in the northern Albanian border town of Kukes, 32,000 sleeping in tents or

refugees. And the Kosovars are welcome, Albanians say, until the war is over and the villages and towns of the Serbian province are safe.

Similar to refugees to every resident of 20,000.

If a double to the fate town that normally has a population of 20,000.

Elsewhere in the country, 40,000 refugees are in week ago from the Albanian city of Maminas, 32 and towns of the Serbian province are safe. sports stadiums.

And every day more Albanians show up at shelters to offer a place in their modest homes. "It is part of our tradition," said Ardjan men Musliu, spokesman for the Albanian Socialist six. Party and a member of Parliament, referring to the warm welcome, "And also, we have blood relations with the Kosovars."

Albanians share language, religion and culture with the Kosovars. Beyond that, there is an innate generosity here, a willingness to cut a loaf of they are in Albania, they must be with us." bread into 20 slices if there are 20 who are

hungry. Some expelled families have benefited from But an astonishing 90,000 have been wel- family ties. Myrtezaj Rodoni fled to Albania in forever. And we will return to Kosovo.

commitment, Albania — from dusty shanties to comed into local apartments, nearly five 1962 after spending seven years in Yugoslav jails city apartments — has opened its doors to sheltered refugees for every resident of Kukes, a for advocating Kosovo independence. In the days after NATO began bombing he feared for the fate kilometers (20 miles) away, he hired a truck to bring them to Tirana. Now 18 cousins, ages 2 to 77, have squeezed into his three-bedroom apartment, sharing it with Mr. Rodoni's family of

> "I will keep them until they go their own houses again, 'said Mr. Rodoni, 69, a retired elementary school teacher. 'It's a strain but we Lika ' will share our last piece of bread. We and the Kosovars are the same people, the same blood. If

derstand that our Albanian family cannot keep us

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Targets in and around Belgrade

Not everyone can fit a refugee family in typically small Albanian houses and apartments, but kindness has a thousand faces here, from the doctors treating the sick in stadium dressing rooms to senior citizens making sandwiches for

the displaced Marinela Lika, a 20-year-old student in Tirana, went to a refugee camp at a swimming pool park in the city Tuesday with five other students to find young Kosovar women to take out for a stroll

and some coffee. "They are so confined in this place," said Ms. This is a small way of showing our solidarity with their suffering.

And the refugees are deeply appreciative. "I can't find the words to describe how thankful I am," said Valdet Nila, 35, whose family of seven Melihat Sadiku, 39, Mr. Rodoni's sister-in-law from Pec, added: "We're lucky. We un-is living in two donated rooms at a hotel. "One day we will do something good for this kind-

## Refugee Influx Forcing NATO To Readjust **Its Strategy**

By William Drozdiak

BRUSSELS - NATO's move to broaden the aims of its military mission in Yugoslavia by pledging to help return hundreds of thousands of displaced people does not address the key question of whether combat ground forces would be used to spearhead such a return of refugees to Kosovo.

For the moment, NATO has pledged to use its forces and other international peacekeepers only to escort the refugees back safely, perhaps after the govern-ment of President Slobodan Milosevic has yielded under the pressure of air

Senior NATO diplomats say events have overtaken the original purpose of the allies' bombing campaign, which was to coerce the Milosevio government into signing an interim peace accord that would grant Kosovo wide autonomy and permit a NATO-led peacekeeping con-

tingent to enforce the pact.
With Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro straining to handle the refugee influx, NATO military and political leaders say a key priority now will be to get the ethnic Albanians back people appeared as nothing more than to Kosovo as quickly as possible — whether or not Mr. Milosevic sues for

mission proclaimed Saturday, there same stroke they demonstrated the need not be a signed agreement with power of this tool in documenting the Belgrade before a peacekeeping force of NATO and other troops enters

When NATO launched its first attack against a sovereign country March 24, the justification for the air strikes was the need to prevent a humanitarian disaster in the region. Other goals were getting Mr. Milosevic to halt the Serbian offensive in Kosovo and to sign an interim peace agreement, negotiated in Rambouillet, France, that would restore autonomy to Kosovo, where ethnic Albanians had outnumbered Serbs by 9 to

On all three counts, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization bombing campaign statistics will at some stage go against so far has failed.

With the conflict now in danger of spreading in Southeastern Europe, the alliance has changed its strategic objectives and now seems to be scrambling to adjust its military tactics accord-

ingly.
NATO's civilian spokesman, Jamie Shea, has said that the alliance's aims are to resurrect a multiethnic community in one. Kosovo; to persuade Mr. Milosevic to withdraw government forces from the province and cease all repression; to secure guarantees that "all of the displaced persons, deportees, refugees" could return home safely soon, and to other expanse of blasted urban trash, achieve a political solution based on the Rambouillet accords establishing "a far-reaching degree of autonomy" for

Mr. Shea emphasized that any settlement would have to include an international troop presence, at least tem-

Ground War Backed

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Washington and a former adviser on the

Balkans to President Bill Clinton.

People realized what we were engaged

Dissenters have been few, despite a

post-Vietnam reluctance to commit

ground forces in combat and a perception

that the American public will not tolerate

casualties on the battlefield. Some Re-

ground forces, but with Congress in re-

divided the legislative branch is about

what the administration should do next.

forces, coupled with the grim images of

Kosovar refugees, has had an immediate

Last week, CBS News found that 41

percent of those it surveyed supported

ground forces to help end the conflict,

with 52 percent opposed. The Washington Post-ABC News poll, conducted

in the poll was plus or minus 5 per-

The drumbeat in favor of ground

**TROOPS:** 

istration painted them.'

effect on public opinion.

centage points.

## Surface to-Shipport age KOSOVO In Kosovo, the number of ethnic Albanians driven from their homes in the past year of conflict has usen to about 831,000, or about half the original population of the province, according to NATO. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports that as of Tuesday, 430,000 Kosovars had crossed borders, including 262,000 to Albania, 120,000 to Macedonia and 36,700 to Montenegro.

# Spy Photos Help Document the Tragedy

By Vernon Loeb

WASHINGTON - When NATO briefers in Brussels handed out a spy photograph Monday showing Kosovo villagers who had been herded into an open field by Yugoslav troops, the tiny specks.

The minute forms in the photograph In addition, under the new NATO and reconnaissance aircraft. But in the human tragedy unfolding in the embattled Serbian province.

which the people of Kosovo would gain showed the village on fire with an empty inside Kosovo is estimated in the hun- and relatively small clusters of people. field where its people once stood. The dreds of thousands, and I don't think we lysts called "damning confirmation" that the village of Glodane, in southwest Kosovo near the Albanian border, had

stock Serbs out of their country.

targets, are now helping to document village atrocities and the movement of refugees in Kosovo. Another official said a U.S. interagency task force is being briefed at the start of each day by inclearly showed the limits of spy satellites telligence officials using satellite imagery to estimate the mounting refugee crisis inside Kosovo and along its borders.

this issue — and these are extremely on reports we're getting at the border."

While hampered last week by ex-

tremely bad weather. U.S. spy imagery they'll certainly be able to do it in the next been emptied and torched in another has not thus far revealed signs of mass couple of days, given the weather."

in the summer of 1995, according to one One senior U.S. official said spy satel- source. Spy photos have been unable as

lites, after focusing almost exclusively on Yugoslav air defenses and other military of "concentration camps" filled with well to find evidence to back up reports tens of thousands of refugees, or to explain why military-age men from Kosovo have not been arriving at border points in as large a number as women and children, the source said.

If concentration camps have been set up inside Kosovo, intelligence experts said, KH-11 spy satellites, U-2 spy planes and Predator drones would have "The full range of intelligence caplanes and Predator drones would have pabilities are being brought to bear on no trouble capturing such images. Indeed, KH-11 satellites are reported to be For subsequent images, which NATO important in circumstances where we capable of distinguishing objects as Instead, NATO is calling only for a did not make public but which were don't have access to an area," the of-small as six inches wide, meaning they vaguely defined "political solution" in described later by a NATO official, ficial said. "The amount of displacement are easily capable of photographing large

Patrick Eddington, a former CIA photographs, for all their remove and lack of detail, thus provided what analize of detail of de get a sense of how many villages have been torched throughout Kosovo — Priva

## NATO: It Rejects Milosevic's Truce Offer

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In the first major instance of unintended civilian casualties from allied air pouring into the hills of the devastated raids, at least seven Serbs were killed and 50 were wounded when bombs hit a housing complex southeast of Belgrade on Monday night. NATO officials ac-knowledged that the attack had missed

its military target.
With the air offensive apparently hitting its stride, and reinforcements including Apache ground-attack helicopters on their way to Albania, the

Serbian cease-fire announcement was quickly dismissed in allied capitals. 'Our reaction is the same as yesterday." said the White House spokesman, Joe Lockhart, referring to a rejection of any deal with President Slobodan Milosevic short of compliance

with allied demands on Kosovo. A spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair said simply: "We won't fall

eave Serbian armed forces in a position for renewed attacks. In Italy, where there has been strong

domestic pressure for a political solutold a quickly convened news conferinstance of the 'ethnic cleansing' that executions inside Kosovo, as it was able ence that the Serbian move did not go far to do in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica enough. "I share the view of our allies that

Belgrade's initiative of a temporary truce appears to be insufficient for a peaceful solution to the conflict to be found," Mr. D'Alema said. Going further, President Jacques

Chirac of France, in his second televised broadcast during the hostilities, said that the alliance would push ahead with its plans for the systematic destruction of Serbian military machine in Describing the hardships inflicted on

refugees as "beyond imagination, Mr. Chirac said that Serbia's people would turn against their regime if they knew the facts about their leaders' actions in

Privately, NATO officials said that

Belgrade might have flinched if the Serbian overture meant that President Milosevic was starting to feel the impact of the allies' air strikes. NATO governments also have indicated their intention of obtaining a clear

itary credibility. Credibility was a key political objective in the Western decision to confront Mr. Milosevic and ultimately to

attack his armed forces. short of expectations in its first two

weeks, largely because of weather, NATO officials conceded Tuesday, indicating that allied warplanes had now started to fly at full strength because of improved visibility and the crumbling of In the most direct official confirma-

tion yet of how badly the rain and low cloud hampered the allied campaign until now, Commodore Wilby admitted that NATO had "not achieved the level of damage we would have liked" in the

If the Serbian cease-fire signaled Serbian anxiety, allied determination has hardened, officials said, under the impact of the rising tide of Kosovar refugees and their accounts of Serbian brutality.

U.S. officials had predicted that Mr. Milosevic might want to try halting the war, now that he seems close to accomplishing his goal of changing the - perhaps with an eye to ultimate par-

tition of the old Serbian province. province's ethnic Albanian population hands of "humanitarian hawks. had been uprooted and that most of the province's towns have been demol-

The number of displaced people is believed to exceed 1 million - nearly 60 percent of the roughly 1.8 million ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

NATO officials said that most had been forced out of their homes not by the hostilities or by fear of fighting but by organized intimidation by Serbs, who were said to be forcing people to sign from a hiding place that students had over their property titles as the price of arranged for him.

The Serbian cease-fire call was ac-Ibrahim Rugova, the moderate Albanian sealed train. representative from Kosovo - a man who conceivably would serve as the figurehead leader of a Belgrade-controlled government in Kosovo.

When Mr. Rugova reportedly held talks last week with Mr. Milosevic. Western officials said that the Albanian seemed to be acting under Serbian

He has not been seen since by any change for your homes."

outside officials except for a Russian diplomat.

Thousands of Kosovars continued province, overflowing the frontiers of surrounding countries and washing up elsewhere in the region as far away as

Some NATO units converted to relief work and international aid agencies sought to help local authorities provide food and shelter for the Kosovars.

But the Serbian truce offer coincided with a sense of rising political stakes, as the conflict entered its third week amid spreading devastation.

There have been calls in most Western capitals for a renewed effort to involve Russia again in the quest for a solution, and Moscow, after failing to get concessions from Mr. Milosevic last week, welcomed the Serbian cease-fire as a first step toward a possible diplomatic

But NATO's terms for a settlement France also promptly rejected any have stiffened as a result of the refugee pause in NATO's campaign that would exodus and reports of Serbian brutality. have stiffened as a result of the refugee

#### **EUROPE:** domestic pressure for a political solu-tion, Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema Past Horrors Evoked

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permarient relief and decent resettlement

for the refugees.

"A NATO defeat would convince political psychopaths all over the world that they, like Slobodan Milosevic, could tyrannize a whole people and get away with it. Whether or not we should have started the war, we clearly have to finish it. That must be obvious to everyone who owns a television set."

Earlier horror about seeing aerial combat return to Europe for the first time in 50 years, anxiety about attacking a sovereign nation without the sanction of the United Nations and dismay at appearances of bad planning and miscalculation in staging the attacks are being overwhelmed by concern over the Serbian television broadcast the refugees and revulsion at the way they cease-fire offer, saying that it would go have been coerced from their home-

announcements of government and private appeals to speed aid to the

Even countries like Britain and France with cultural reluctance to admit foreigners have had to respond to public pressure to provide temporary shelter for the refugees. But Mr. Blair and Alain military victory in Kosovo, an important Richard, the French defense minister, factor in preserving the alliance's mil-twinned these moves with aggressive statements about the need for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to per-

Mr. Richard announced "even more intense attacks" by France's Mirage The allied air campaign has fallen 2000-D fighter-bombers against the Mi-hort of expectations in its first two losevic regime, and Mr. Blair said, "People have to be prepared to go on, have to be prepared for the longer haul in order to make sure that our objectives are secured and successful."

In his military briefing Monday, a NATO spokesman, Jamie Shea, stressed the alliance's commitment to caring for the exiles, saying that it was "fully mobilized" behind the refugee assistance effort, building campsites and running what he called a "humanitarian air bridge" ferrying aid into Albania and

Though there has been acknowledgment of the historic menace of Balkan instability to the other countries of Europe, the coming together of political will on the Continent has not been based on a perceived threat to national political and economic interests, the traditional threshold issue.

What is driving the growing support for NATO is the sense of responsibility ethnic balance in large areas of Kosovo for forestalling human rights abuses and punishing those who commit them. A Guardian editorial said approvingly that Officials said Tuesday that most of the European pelicy was increasingly in the

In Italy, where Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema has given only wavering support to the bombing and called for a return to negotiations, public opinion has been swayed toward NATO through the dramatic reports of Antonio Russo, a broadcaster for a leftist radio

He stayed in Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, after other Western journalists left and managed to spirit out dispatches

He escaped on Friday and sent a detailed and impassioned report to the companied by claims of a deal on daily La Repubblica recounting his Kosovo between Mr. Milosevic and odyssey hidden among Kosovars in a

The detail that drew particular attention because it so closely recalled "Life Is Beautiful" was the harrowing moment when heavily armed Serbs forced women, children and the elderly. with Mr. Russo among them, onto the freight curs. As they herded them abourd, the Serbs said. Come on. you've won a free train ride - in ex-

## RAID: In a Mistake by NATO, Bombs Kill 7 in a Serbian Town

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us, and we will be exposed to a technical

Smilja Janic was another of those

people so exposed. 'I have no idea why NATO is bombing us," she said, weeping and shouting in Dusana Trivunca Street, where a second NATO bomb ripped through

more houses about 900 feet from the first

"I'm not any kind of politician," she said, standing in shards of glass and burnt-orange roof tiles. "I'm just an old woman and I don't understand."

She gestured across the street to anwhere houses 56 and 58 Dusana Trivunca Street used to stand.

"Voja and Radojka, they're probably still in that house," she said, describing her neighbors, who were teachers. "And Sofia and Jova, he was a policeman." "I could never expect this to happen

kid in World War II, and the Nazis just warwas real for me from the beginning," drove through town in their tanks. They didn't bomb us."

Across the street, in the depths of the crater, a woman was wailing like a ter-rified animal. "You criminals!" she yelled, her voice cracking. "What have you done to us?" A policeman shooed a journalist

"Her parents lived there," he away,

be a child's collection of different brands with her diplomat father and who speaks Serbian air defenses. of empty cigarette packets. There were some Serbian. Marlboro and Lucky Strike, Kent and Bastos, a Spanish brand.

An orange and yellow comforter draped crazily from an empty, shattered window frame; a red plastic telephone, cracked in half, ended up on top of a demolished Mazda.

"I don't have any feelings any more," said Aleks Zivkovic, a 27-year-old who lives in the town. "I'm just empty." She tried to help a Greek journalist in this town," Mrs. Janic said. "I was a with translation, then turned back. "This Monday night was obvious.

she said. "But I couldn't ever believe my town would be destroyed - it's small it's almost too small to be on the map.' On Vuka Karadzica Street, Mrs. Sto-

janovic, a 62-year-old pensioner, had drawn a small crowd. "Clinton Nazi!" yelled one passerby. "Clinton will never kill the heart of Serbia," Mrs. Stojanovic said. Then she had some words for Sec-

In the crater, a seven of diamonds card retary of State Madeleine Albright, who lay half-buried next to what appeared to spent part of her childhood in Belgrade "Albright has no soul and no heart," she said. "She grew up with the Serbs

and this is how she pays us back." A blasted Mercedes was covered uniformly with a fine layer of orange-brown dirt, like a perfect paint job. Policemen that NATO had "not achieved the of damage we would have liked" first two weeks of the offensive. and emergency workers swept up glass and prowled the rubble, searching for life as journalists prowled for pathos. No official tried to interfere with any interview. There was no need. What happened here

# in was war and that the stakes were far grander and far larger than the adminpublicans strongly oppose the use of cess until next week, it is not clear how

A French soldier serving with NATO shaking hands on Tuesday with a young boy in a refugee camp near the town of Kukes in northern Albania.

The poll, based on interviews with 509 randomly selected Americans, found that support for the NATO air strikes had risen from 55 percent last week to 68 percent. About two out of three — 68 percent -- said that the air strikes would not be sufficient to achieve NATO's Monday, showed 55 percent in favor and goals and that ground troops would be 41 percent against. The margin of error necessary to finish the job. Analysts warned that the public still

had reservations about using force,

"There's very little appetite for casualties, 'said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press. "Support there now would evaporate if the specter of a quagmire were to be evoked by Kosovo."

Several analysts said the president still would face skepticism from Americans if he decided ground troops were needed, if only because the bombing campaign has been judged a failure.

#### U.S. War Spending: \$500 Million So Far

Lus Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON — The cost to the United States of the two-weekold NATO air compaign against Yugoslavia already has exceeded \$500 million and is likely to skyrocket if the mission continues

An estimate by the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assess-ments, an independent research group in Washington, suggests that if the air strikes proceed for even a few weeks longer, the price tag quickly could grow to between \$2 billion and \$4 billion.

The center's calculation, widely accepted as the best available, mainly reflects the cost of cruise missiles fired from U.S. ships and planes. The Pentagon has not issued its own cost projections. Moreover, the preliminary esti-

mate does not include either the massive humanitarian aid program that the United States and its allies are beginning or the expense of providing peacekeeping troops and a military escort for returning

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# **Arrest Warrant Issued** For Russian Executive

Berezovsky Wanted for Money Laundering

By Michael Wines New York Times Service.

MOSCOW - Russia's chief prosecutor issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for Boris Berezovsky, the tycoon and political machinator who has taken a was in France, beyond the immediate sensational tumble from the graces of Russian high finance and of President Boris Yeltsin.

Officials in the prosecutor's office said Mr. Berezovsky and a former senior official of the Russian airline Aeroflot. Nikolai Glushkov, had been charged with money laundering and "illegal entrepreneurship" as part of a scheme that diverted Aeroflot's foreign currency proceeds to a Geneva-based company that they were said to control.

Mr. Berezovsky has long been said to be a dominant figure in Aeroflot, although he denies owning a single share of stock in either the airline or the Swiss company. The charges Tuesday, the first dealer who somehow parlayed curfrom a fusillade of recent government investigations of Mr. Berezovsky's business empire, would seem to signal that his days as a political and financial power are, at best, numbered.

But then, virtually nothing in Russia's house-of-mirrors government can of the Commonwealth of Independent be taken at face value these days. And States, the frayed alliance of most of the with the prosecutor's office itself at the nations that made up the old Soviet epicenter of a searny sex-and-black- Union.

staged event designed to keep that scandal from seeping further into Mr. Yeltsin's own inner circle.

That appears unlikely, though skep-tics noted that prosecutors had chosen to issue the warrant while Mr. Berezovsky reach of the flaccid arm of Russian law. Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman said Tuesday night that the president had not known that an arrest warrant would be issued for Mr. Berezovsky.

For his part, Mr. Berezovsky greeted the warrant with contempt. He called his tormentors "shameless and dimhis tormentors "shameless and dim-witted" and dismissed rumors that he would seek asylum rather than return to

a target both of corruption inquiries and berezovsky and Mr. Yeltsin's daugh-of Mr. Yeltsin's critics — especially ter, Tatyana Dyachenko, some took it Communists — who made him a poster as a veiled warning from Mr. Russia to face criminal charges.

Sorting out the events swirling around Mr. Berezovsky and the government investigating him might befuddle even an ace sleuth like Hercule Poirot.

Mr. Berezovsky, an erstwhile car rency trading into a huge fortune in the wild early days of post-Soviet Russia. was a principal backer of Mr. Yeltsin's 1996 re-election campaign and, at one time, a close adviser as well. A year ago, Mr. Yeltsin named him secretary



Boris Berezovsky, a Russian businessman, is facing arrest back home.

sian-style capitalism.

Among the investigators was Russia's prosecutor-general, Yuri Skuratov, who has strong Communist backing. After Mr. Yeltsin sought unsucyear — and the state-controlled television broadcast videotape of the prosecutor cavorting in bed with two prostitutes - Communists and some other critics accused Mr. Yeltsin's office of trying to quash inquiries into Mr. Berezovsky's dealings.

ruin the Yeltsin presidency. And when rested and that the warrant issued mail scandal, some suggested Mr. But as Mr. Yeltsin's health and 'audio tapes surfaced this winter of against him had been Berezovsky's downfall could be a power ebbed in recent years, he became private conversations between Mr. could not be enforced.

child for the seamy excesses of Rus- Berezovsky that efforts to topple him could bring down Mr. Yeltsin's family,

monwealth secretary, and outwardly cessfully to fire Mr. Skuratov early this the estrangement between the president and the tycoon appears real. And while Mr. Yeltsin recently ordered Mr. Skuratov removed from his post a second time, comption inquiries under Mr. Skuratov's deputy seem to have continued apace.
The Communist Party leader, Gen-

They have suggested that Mr. nadi Zyuganov, suggested Tuesday that Berezovsky holds secrets that could Mr. Berezovsky would never be ar-But as Mr. Yeltsin's health and 'audio tapes surfaced this winter of against him had been timed so that it

# For Centuries-Old City, Ruin Came in Just Days

By Karl Vick

ROZAJE, Yugoslavia - lı began lurched out the front gate of their combarrels into the heart of Pec. Kosovo's kilometers (30 miles) away. second-largest city, and opened fire.

Pec, but Serb-led military forces would that had torn at Kosovo for the past 13 prove it can take just days to destroy it. seen entire cities purged of the people secessionist ethnic Albanian rebel

within them. But beginning within hours of the first NATO air strikes on Yugoslavia on March 24. Yugoslav troops. Serbian police units and parawas something else, but in the town it military groups forced 80,000 ethnic Albanians - Pec's entire non-Serb population - to flee, all the while looting, shelling and burning their shops and

The assault on Pec foreshadowed the emptying days later of Pristina, the capital of Kosovo and its largest city. And it provided the first signal to the region of the scale of the refugee crisis that would soon engulf it.

It also adds to mounting evidence, gathered from the testimony of refugees and the analysis of Western officials, that the mass expulsion of Kosovo's majority ethnic Albanian population was a premeditated act, systematically carried out and timed to begin as the first NATO bombs fell.

By March 28, four days after the expulsions began, refugees from Pec began arriving here at the border of Montenegro. Serbia's much smaller sister republic in the Yugoslav federation. Their individual accounts of survival

It begins with the tanks. Ba-boom, the whole night. This was home day and night in the Kapishnisca. an ethnic Albanian neighborhood. To venture into the street during a full was to risk being shot.

The shelling continued for several days, terrorizing the population. People kept the curtains drawn and their children quiet and awaited the armed men.

The roundup itself followed, and it was by turns methodical and anarchic. Troops wearing green went door to door ordering the occupants into the street. Police wearing blue directed the throng into the city center. The paramilitary groups who moved between them but answered to no one wore gray camouflage, ski masks and fingerless gloves. They kicked in doors and demanded money and gold, and sometimes they took custody of men of fighting age, who were led away and have not been seen since.

"We were not allowed to look around, or to look back," said Isa Rame, 49, of the stunned human column he joined with only the clothes on his back. My daughter is 18 years old. She looked back and said, 'It seems our houses are on fire."

Pec - in Serbian it is pronounced Pesch — straddles the Bistrica River in western Kosovo. Its old city is a maze of cobblestone streets lined with the shops of goldsmiths who fushioned the jewelry that Kosovo Albanians collect partly for beauty, mostly as life savings. they have lived for centuries ."Peje,"

were an overwhelming majority there, as they were throughout Kosovo, a Serbian province. Although most residents of Pec are Muslims, they speak admiringly with a throaty rumble, as the tanks of the Orthodox Christian monastery on the edge of town, with its gorgeous view pound and onto the darkened street. of the plain and the mountains rising at Moving into position, they pointed their the border with Montenegro, barely 50

Until two weeks ago. Pec had largely It takes centuries to build a city like been immune from the ethnic conflict months. The countryside was a strong-Not since World War II has Europe hold of the Kosovo Liberation Army, the

All through the night of Wednesday. March 24, the tanks fired from just 300 yards away, sending shells over Jauna igiena's house into town. The rounds left phosphorescent trails in the sky. On the other side of the house, police in a nearby station fired on a mosque, shattering its windows. When morning came. Ms. Higiena tried to go to work. A soldier on the street told her to go back inside.

That night, shots peppered the house. Ms. Higiena, her mother, two brothers and sister crawled out the back door and made their way on their hands and knees to a garden shed. In the morning, she was allowed to go to work, on streets empty except for her. Her boss sent her home The shelling resumed at 3:30 P.M.

"You couldn't see anything but fire and smoke," Ms. Higiena said. "All the houses were burning."

Across town, in a subdivision he built, Beke Zekaj was gathering his family. A successful businessman with a cable television company in Pristina, he was also a member of the Democratic League of Kosovo, an ethnic Albanian political organization that supports independence for Kosovo through peaceful means. When the shelling began, he said, he called "my members." All agreed they

were not armed for a fight.
The homes of ethnic Albanian political activists would be the first torched, along with the shops of the old city, the center of ethnic Albanian commercial life.

By the weekend, the expulsion was proceeding in full force. The soldiers came to Ms. Higiena's street on Sunday morning. She had seen people rushing by the previous day, "We don't know where we are going," someone told her. "We are just going. We just wanted to save our heads," When the soldiers arrived at 10:30 A.M., Ms. Higiena's family tumbled into the throng. It was moving toward the center of town. "We had to choose the bus to

Montenegro or to Albania," Ms. Higiena said. But she kept looking ar trying to find her brother. The people in the street had warned that men were being separated from women and children, a process she understood as a prelude to mass execution.

"I am very much attached to my brother," she said, and yet somehow they had become separated. She was on the bus to Montenegro, thinking she would rather die with him than live without him, when she heard his voice. "I couldn't believe it," Ms. Higiena

The journey to Rozaje, normally a half-hour by car, took eight hours. The The Albanians, who call the city where road through the mountain pass was a

# Mercy Flights Sharpen Debate Over Kosovars' Future Their individual accounts of survival and flight from Pec blend into a common story of the destruction of their city. The basic with the tarks

By Paul Horvitz

PARIS — Mercy flights carried the first wave of shaken refugees out of Macedonia on Tuesday, but tens of thousands of other ethnic Albanians remained massed on both sides of the Kosovo border, captives of cold weather, primitive sanitation and what critics said was obstructionism by the government of Macedo-

Several thousand refugees, many wearing mudcovered shoes, stumbled onto planes at the Skopje airport late Monday and Tuesday, bound for Turkey, Norway and other European countries. Radmila Kiprijanova, the deputy prime minister of Macedonia, said an airlift from the Macedonian capital to Turkey was carrying 3,500 refugees on 10 flights. A convoy of NATO buses was said to be shuttling the refugees down from the border. Most carried few belongings a piece of luggage or possessions thrown in plastic

But reports from Skopje indicated that a tense atmosphere prevailed, with some reluctant refugees being put on planes for Turkey without being told where in France, Prime Minister Lie

they were going, for fear of triggering protests.
In London, the British aid minister, Clare Short, just back from Macedonia, bluntly declared that the Macedonian government's policy of accepting only the million).
number of refugees that other countries take off its "Our hands was "unacceptable."

She warned of "mass death at the border," where refugees are crowded in "horrific" sanitary condi-

The United States, meanwhile, said that as many as 20.000 Kosovo refugees would be housed at the U.S.

military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Amilitary base in the U.S. territory of Guarn had also een under consideration for the emergency shelter. About 135,000 refugees are in Macedonia, a former constituent republic of Yugoslavia. About 65,000 are blocked in a no man's land at Blace on Macedonia's border with Kosovo, the British Defense Ministry

Elsewhere in Europe, including neighboring Al-bania, a sometimes emotional debate continued over whether to give temporary sanctuary to the refugees elsewhere in Europe or aid them in the Balkans

Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping of Germany said a first group of 700 refugees, mostly orphans, the old and sick, were expected to be flown in Wednesday. The Defense Ministry denied reports that Germany would accommodate 40,000 Kosovo Albanians, saying a total of about 10,000 would be accepted.

Spain will take in between 7,000 and 10,000, El Pais newspaper reported. Slovakia is ready to accept 1,000 Kosovars, and Prime Minister Ivan Kostov of Bulgaria

In France, Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's goverament would not specify how many refugees it would accept but announced a tripling of aid to Albania and Macedonia to a total of 225 million francs (\$36.7

'Our country is naturally available to temporarily welcome on its soil a certain number." Mr. Jospin said, but this must be "on the basis of voluntary participation. without people and families being separated.'

Belgium could play host to several thousand refugees, Defense Minister Jean-Pol Poncelet said. Sweden announced that it would take 5,000 refugees province of Kosovo itself.

instead of the 1,500 originally planned.

Fearing that the refugees may never return to Kosovo the music. 'said Jauna Higiena, who fulfilling the apparent aim of the Yugoslav leadership cowered in the basement of her family in driving them out - the Albanian government protested plans to settle many of the refugees elsewhere and agreed to accept more in Albania, one of Europe's poorest nations.

"Albania doesn't want to be part of the ethnic cleansing mechanism which is forcing ethnic Albanians out of Kosovo," Information Minister Musa Ulqini said.

NATO has stressed that while the goal is for the refugees to return to Kosovo, the alliance wants to take pressure off neighboring states by providing temporary homes for as many as 100,000 of them.

The European Union, meanwhile, was holding an emergency meeting of interior ministers Wednesday in Luxembourg to assess the options. A spokesman said Tuesday that the clear preference of most nations was to contain the refugee flow close to Kosovo.

"There are very strong logistical problems," the spokesman said. "It becomes a nightmare." The Swiss government proposed a "cash for shel-

scheme to compensate families in the Balkans who take in refugees from Kosovo. Sadako Ogata, the UN high commissioner for refugees, again blamed the Yugoslav leadership for the crisis, saying that the tide of refugees had been "forced, planned and directed" and aimed at destroying the

collective identity of the population of Kosovo.

The UN agency estimated that more than 430,000 people had fled Kosovo since NATO strikes began last month, with 262,000 refugees in Albania, 120,000 in Macedonia and the rest in Montenegro and elsewhere. It said there were 260,000 displaced people within the

## **REFUGEES:** Anxiety and Fear Spread as Families Are Split Up

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Serbian police have announced that Kushtriun Hoxha, a drama student who escaped the city Monday.

men spend day and night inside their

Etrit, a young man who spent days waiting to get out to Macedonia in a convoy of 10 cars with his parents and Monday. Two cars got through the border when suddenly the rest were ordered

Etrit, who declined to give his full rying them up. arme, said that he thought the sudden At the airpor

their homes. Those who have managed to push Only women are allowed to go out deep into the Blace refugee camp, away shopping for bread, and ethnic Albanian from the Serbian side, are still gripped

"I cannot tell you what is going on because I never went out in 12 days," he said.

After waiting for hours to register and fighting their way out of the camp, where many have been trained for all the camp. where many have been trapped for days, certain future. off into the unknown.

Families are being separated in the muddle, and people are being sent brother, was ordered back by police straight to the airport and bundled onto planes, whether they want to be or not. Always behind them are armed Macedonian police, pushing them on and hur-

turnaround could have been a stunt for carrying a baby in his arms was folthe benefit of the press, connected with lowing a women and two children on to announcement by President one bus, only to have the door slammed they will shoot on sight any person walk-ing alone in the streets of Pristina, said all Kosovar Albanians could return to policeman. The woman's screams could be heard as the bus pulled away toward a

waiting plane. Foreign doctors working in the camp in Blace said that the refugees, already severely traumatized by their experience of being chased at gunpoint from their homes, were now in terror of their un-

Pierre Micheletti, director of operations for Medecins du Monde, said: "The people are greatly worried about where they are going. The authorities are not bothering to keep families united. People are being separated in different buses, and they do not want to be sep-arated. There is great anxiety. They do not want to leave the camp because they At the airport Monday evening a man do not know where they will be sent.

# 'Paper Curtain' Snags Kosovo Refugees

By Peter S. Green

USTINAD LABEM, Czech Republic - As hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians flee Serbian troops to an uncertain future in poor neighboring countries or in refugee camps in distant lands, a smaller exodus is unfolding here in the economically depressed industrial cities and devastated forests along the Czech-German border.

Hundreds of Kosovo Albanians try many have relatives.

But without visas and documents they find that the Iron Curtain along the patrol stopped him. Czech-German border has been replaced by a "paper curtain."

They are shunted back to cheap hotels and refugee shelters in NATO's newest members, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, which are unable to cope with them.

While West European nations and the donia and Albania, most will be left in

the Balkans. Specialists on refugees say the situation may well be a foretaste of what will happen as many of those left behind strive for a new life in the West.

Outside the bleak concrete bulk of the industrial city on the banks of the Elbe River, Mohammed, an automobile painter in his 30s, smokes a cigarette and tells a tale much like that related by dozens of other Kosovars.

On Jan. 3, as fighting neared his home village of Lipjan, near Pristina, Mo-hammed left Kosovo, hoping to join a brother in Germany. For the equivalent of a few thousand

dollars, a "people smuggler" took him every week to cross the lightly guarded in a van through Serbian police check-Czech borders to get to the wealthy points and, as a Yugoslav citizen, he was economies of Western Europe, where able to cross legally into Hungary. However, while walking through a

> Mohammed said he asked for asylum but, although Austrian laws require that his request be heard, he was summarily turned back to Hungary.

> There, he was held in Nyirbutor, one of several camps that refugee officials say are little better than prisons. There were bars on the windows,

United States have pledged to take many barbed wire around the camp, there was of the refugees now stranded in Mace- no medical care, and the Hungarians sprayed tear gas at women who wanted to take their children outside," Mohammed said.

"The Hungarians treat us like animals, not people, in those camps,"

The 300 people in the camps staged a Hotel Garni, in a grimy suburb of this hunger strike in a bid to be allowed to walk outside the barracks. Earlier, there was another hunger

strike to protest conditions in the Hungarian camps. "These are prison-like or detentionlike conditions," one official said.

"These centers are substandard, but the

government doesn't have all the money t would like." Released from the Hungarian camp. Mohammed paid a smuggler to take him through Slovakia and the Czech Republic to Germany, but the German border police caught him just inside Ger-

many and sent him back. forest into Austria, an Austrian border Mohammed showed a visitor a fiveday Czech temporary visa that had ordered him to be out of the country on the previous day.

Biding his time until he could try the border crossing again, he said he would not ask for asylum in the Czech Re-'What's the point?' he said. 'I don't know where my family is. The only

cross again to Germany. For 17-year-old Avdulla Ademi, Germany was a nightmare. Fleeing shooting in Kosovo, he left his mother and brother to sneak over the Czech border into Germany, where his father had already applied for asylum,

person I know is my brother, so I'll try to



Two ethnic Albanians mulling their plight Tuesday at a refugee camp in Tirana, one of two where some 8,000 people have spent up to a week.

He asked German authorities for to my father." asylum, and a week later two policemen came to his father's door and took Avdulla to a detention center, where he was fingerprinted and deported to the

Now he, too, lives in the Hotel Garni, alone and scared. For weeks he has had no news of his mother and brother, and his money will not last long.

Czech Republic.

Czech authorities are overwhelmed

by the refugee flood. Last year the police caught 44,672 people illegally crossing the country's borders, and 16,052 of them were from

Yugoslavia, mainly ethnic Albanians, We probably catch one in five who get across," said Karel Freund, director of the Czech Foreigners and Border Area "All I want to do," he said, "is to go

BRIEFLY

BONNEVILLE, France — The family of a Geneva resident who died in a fire in the Mont Blanc tunnel has joined the judicial investigation into the blaze, which

could lead to manslaughter charges. the Swiss family will be able to sue for damages once responsibility for the fire has been determined.

Kiev Lawmakers Bar NATO Rebuff

calling on the government to suspend cooperation with NATO. Only 191 lawmakers in the 450seat Verkhovna Rada backed a resolution that assailed NATO for the

strikes in the Kosovo conflict. The motion was introduced by leftist lawmakers to protest air strikes against Yugoslavia. The Rada proposed that Ukraine's nuclear-free status be reconsidered in

# Kurd Said to Offer

ANKARA — The imprisoned Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan has reportedly offered to call on his guerrillus to surrender in exchange for a pardon for himself, according to a Turkish newspaper.

Mr. Ocalan's offer was reported

Tuesday by the newspaper Sabah, a week after he reportedly disapproved of a recent outburst of attacks attributed to Kurdish groups seeking to avenge his capture.

Calls to prosecutors seeking their comment were not returned. (AP)

Swiss Family Joins Tunnel Fire Inquiry

killed at least 40 people, a French state prosecutor said Tuesday. As a civil party to the case, which

A total of 43 people have been reported missing in the fire, which raged for two days. Forty bodies have been recovered, but only seven

# have been identified.

KIEV - The Ukrainian Parliament rejected a motion on Tuesday

"aggressive character" of its air response to attacks on Serbs. (AP)

# A Deal to Turkey

## Trying the Lockerbie Suspects

The surrender of two Libyan intelligence agents brings the long and frustrating search for justice in the Lockerbie case near an acceptable end. It is more than 10 years since a bomb concealed in luggage brought down Pan Am Flight 103 in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people, and more than eight years since a U.S. grand jury indicted the two men on charges of having personally planted the explosive.

The two suspects will now be tried in the Netherlands under Scottish law. in a diplomatic compromise that satisties all essential American and British requirements.

United Nations sanctions played a large part in forcing Colonel Moammar Gadhafi to yield the two suspects. So did the agreement last year by Britain and the United States, after Libya urged that the men be tried in a neutral country, to accept a trial in the Netherlands. But Washington and London rightly insisted on the use of Scottish law.

As part of the compromise, Libya has gained provisional relief from UN

sanctions against Libyan air travel and imports of industrial equipment, and from a partial freeze on Libyan assets abroad. These will be fully lifted in 90 days if the UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, can certify that Libya has agreed both to stop sponsoring terrorism and to compensate the families of Lockerbie victims if the two men are convicted. Separate American sanctions against Libya remain in place.

Earlier this year Mr. Annan, with American approval, assured Colonel Gadhafi that only the two suspects, not the Libyan government, would be put on trial. In a literal sense, that is as it should be. But Mr. Annan's assurance should not preclude questioning about who might have ordered the suspects to carry out the bombing. There remain many unanswered questions about the Lockerbie case, including whether Syria or Iran may also have played a role. The trial should be used to establish a fuller picture of this criminal enterprise than is now available.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## **Undoing Ethnic Cleansing**

With his evil campaign against the people of Kosovo, Slobodan Milosevic has created a problem and a challenge that NATO did not anticipate. Whether NATO should have known better, and who is responsible for its failure of anticipation - these are legitimate questions. But what matters most now is that NATO adjust to the new reality and make clear that it will undo Mr. Milosevic's handiwork, no matter how long it takes. NATO should not act in panic, taking steps that could make mat-ters worse. It must respond with steadiness and a determination to prevail.

Prevailing means, first, ensuring the safe return of all Kosovars to their homes and providing a safe environment for them to exercise self-government and begin to rebuild their lives. Mr. Milosevic's forces have now displaced about half of Kosovo's pre-war Albanian population, driving several hundred thousand across the border. He has employed tactics rarely seen since Hitler and Stalin perfected them: massacres, women and children stuffed into boxcars, villages and towns burned and looted. As a result, public opinion increasingly supports U.S. military action; 58 percent approve of U.S. air strikes and 54 percent would support sending ground troops to make peace, according to a new Newsweek poll.

Europeans have been similarly moved. What it will take to undo Serbia's ethnic cleansing is not clear, nor is there any reason for NATO to spell out its intentions to Mr. Milosevic. Certainly, President Bill Clinton should abandon his pledge not to send troops into a "non-permissive" environment: that commitment provided needless comfort to Mr. Milosevic, NATO should begin preparing for all contingencies, including the deployment of a ground force to for many years to come. escort the Kosovars home.

In the meantime, the air campaign should be intensified. NATO has been too slow to go after the tanks and other forces that are directly attacking Kosovo civilians. But with each passing day, as Serbia's air defenses diminish and NATO's political will stiffens, the bombing campaign should become more effective. It is too soon to judge its ultimate effectiveness.

The Rambouillet peace plan, for which NATO ostensibly went to war, is no longer tenable. It would have allowed Mr. Milosevic to police Kosovo's borders and to station 5,000 or more troops inside the province. Given his forced depopulation of Kosovo, such an arrangement now would constitute a victory for him, allowing him to prevent the return of refugees and to terrorize those who did come home. Yet if NATO is not clear on this matter, Mr. Milosevic could weaken alliance unity by offering to accept Rambouillet once he has completed his ethnic cleansing. Mr. Clinton and his colleagues should leave no doubt that Serbia has forfeited any claim to help govern the territory that it is now laying waste.

Prevailing in this contest may take time. That means NATO should better anticipate and deflect Mr. Milosevic's next moves as the conflict proceeds: support for Montenegro, Macedonia and Albania is particularly crucial. It means NATO must do a better job in caring for the refugees until their return can be ensured, for humanitarian reasons and to relieve the political burden on Serbia's neighbors. And it means that the administration must fully involve Congress as the campaign unfolds. Mr. Milosevic has shown himself to be a war criminal of fierce determination. NATO must respond accordingly or pay a price

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Russia's Role in Kosovo

The road to peace in Kosovo may yet run through Moscow. Despite Russia's rhetorical belligerence about the NATO air campaign and Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov's failed diplomatic mission to Belgrade last week, Russia has the credentials and motivation to play a constructive role in ending the conflict.

Doing so will require some straight talking by the Russians to their Serbian cousins, and a degree of cooperation with Washington that may be awkward for the Kremlin, but Russia could greatly enhance its international stature by brokering a political settlement.

For now, Slobodan Milosevic may think he has little reason to consider a diplomatic solution, and he did not seriously entertain one in his talks with Mr. Primakov. The Serbian assault on Kosovo has driven a million ethnic Albanians from their homes, and NATO air attacks have done little to impede the Serbian brutality in Kosovo or diminish Mr. Milosevic's military forces.

But this conflict must not end with Kosovo permanently emptied of its citizens. NATO air power will eventually begin to hobble the Serbian military and weaken Mr. Milosevic's stranglehold on Kosovo, If Mr. Milosevic concludes that the balance of power is shifting in NATO's favor, he will doubtless start looking for a deal that allows him to remain in power. If Mr. Clinton and NATO stick with their wise decision not

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to commit troops to a potentially costly ground war in Kosovo, they, too, will be

looking for a negotiated resolution.

Because of Russia's longstanding friendship with Serbia, Mr. Primakov is among the few world leaders who has the standing in Belgrade to tell Mr. Milosevic he must end his subjugation of Kosovo, withdraw all his forces and permit the repatriation of the ethnic Albanians. Kosovo must also be granted at least the same degree of political autonomy it enjoyed until 1989. All this would be easier for Mr. Milosevic to accept if it were endorsed by the Russian government, and came with a promise that Russian troops would participate in an international peacekeeping force.

Moscow favored most of the elements of this plan before the NATO air offensive began, and ought to overcome its resistance to the peacekeeping force now that Serbia has demonstrated such savagery in Kosovo. The NATO air strikes have stirred anti-Western sentiment in Russia, limiting Mr. Primakov's latitude as he looks ahead to parliamentary elections and a possible presidential race. But both Mr. Primakov and President Boris Yeltsin well understand that Russia's economic and diplomatic interests are best served by working with the United States and Europe. Washington should be encouraging a constructive Russian role.

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# The Bombing May Not Prevent a Wider Balkan War

ONDON - NATO's plan to airlift L ONDON — NATO's plan to arring 100,000 refugees now streaming across the borders of Kosovo into Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro is a much needed measure. And it is appropriate that some NATO members - including the United States. Germany and Turkey - have offered to put up limited numbers of refugees in temporary camps.

Alas, none of this will come close to solving the problem, since the total number of refugees already exceeds 350,000, with thousands more on the way. And it will do little to ease the most pressing crisis in the Balkans: the political instability of Kosovo's neighbors, which threatens to turn a civil war into a regional disaster.

Albania, the poorest country in Europe, has an exceptionally weak government. The northeast, where the refugees are arriving, is the most undeveloped part of the country. The water and electricity supplies are erratic, and the roads are in terrible condition. How can Albania support refugees who continue to flow in at a rate of about 1,500 an hour, bringing sickness and disease with them?

Montenegro, which along with Ser-bia is all that remains of the Yugoslav federation, is also in a precarious situation. The presence of refugees is likely to erode support for the republic's embattled president, Milo Djukanovic. He has been pursuing a pro-Western policy and is the only source of real opposition to Slobodan Milosevic in the region.

By Misha Glenny

But NATO's decision to bomb targets in Montenegro as well as in Serbia has swung popular support toward Mr. Milosevic, who has already removed Yugoslav officers suspected of sympathizing with Mr. Djukanovic and replaced them with Serb hard-liners.

However, it is in Macedonia that the arrival of refugees for a lengthy stay could have the most catastrophic consequences. Since its birth as a nation in 1992 this tiny land-locked country has been racked by internal conflict, with ethnic Albanians pitted against Macedonians, who are Slavs.

In addition, Macedonia remains the strategic hub of southeastern Europe. the only territory through which it is possible to cross the Balkan Mountains by land from north to south and east to west. As Otto von Bismarck, the 19thcentury German chancellor (who held the Balkans in contempt), once said, Those who control the valley of the River Vardar in Macedonia are the masters of the Balkans." That analysis is still true today.

Macedonia's ethnic Albanians, who make up 25 percent of the population, live mainly in the west, which borders on Albania and Kosovo. There is also a large concentration in the capital, Skopje, however, and in the years before communism fell, the treatment of these people at the hands of Macedonia's Communists was worse than that of

their neighbors in Kosovo. But since achieving independence, the Macedonian government has recognized that the Albanian minority must have greater rights and freedoms to ensure stability. So every recent Macedonian government has included several Albanian cabinet members and made strides toward addressing Albanian grievances, including improved schools and the right to local self-governance.

Nonetheless, there is considerable ethnic strife. Ordinary Macedonians view their Albanian neighbors as an implacable fifth column, scheming to create a greater Albania, and resent even the smallest concession to the Albanians. Albanians, in tura, see Macedonians as part of a Slav plot to crush Albanian culture.

The Kosovo Liberation Army commands great respect among young Albanians. When Albania collapsed into chaos in 1996, the army's weapons depots were looted and many small arms were smuggled into Macedonia.

The government of Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski is dominated by moderate Macedonian nationalists. While it is hostile to any attempts by Serbia to undermine stability, the govemment is also aware that in times of crisis many Macedonians look to Serbia for protection against what they see as an Albanian threat. The perception among Macedonians that NATO is acting as the Kosovo Liberation Army's air force is also driving popular opposition to the bombing of Serbia.

the West, the Macedonian authorities are not restricting the flow of refugees into their country out of a cynical disregard for their suffering. Macedonians are genuinely worried about the impact the refugees may have on the country's fragile domestic order. The presence of so many extra Albanians may well radicalize Macedonian nationalism and Albanian separatism, increasing the likelihood of war.

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NATO did not cause the exodus of Albanians from Kosovo. Still, its actions have worsened the problem. All NATO members - not just the few countries that have come forward so far - are morally obligated to accept the great majority of refugees from Kosovo, because the small Balkan countries simply cannot cope with them. Sheltering the refugees would not serve the Serbs' brutal program of ethnic cleansing, as some have suggested. Most Albanians will eagerly return to

Kosovo at the earliest opportunity But the political imperative is as pressing as the moral and humanitarian one. If war breaks out between the Macedonian and Albanian communities in Macedonia, President Bill Clinton's main reason for approving the NATO campaign—to keep the conflict from spreading—will have failed.

Mr. Glenny, author of "The Fall of Yugoslavia," is completing a history of Balkan nationalism. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

## A Greater Albania Would Erase All Hopes for Peace in the Region

ATHENS — The NATO bombing appears to have exacerbated the problems it

was intended to ameliorate. Despite the damage and the degradation that the bombs have inflicted on his country, the Yugoslav president. Slobodan Milosevic, who thrives on turbulence, has consolidated his authority and the Serbs are now more determined than ever to resist external attack. Has the decision that all NATO members approved contributed to a solution to Kosovo's plight, or has it ensured in any way the sta-

bility of the adjacent region?
The stream of Kosovar refugees into Macedonia and Albania threatens these fragile states with destabilization.

In Macedonia, the tenuous status for Kosovo that would balance between the majority Slavo-Macedonians and the Albanian Macedonian population, is at stake. At the same time, Albania, a fledgling democracy trying to establish its writ on its countryside, is threatened by an incursion of Kosovar Ghegs who might upset the balance between Albania's two clans, the Tosks of the south and the

Ghegs of the north.

But the bombings are really about Kosovo. The Kosovar Albanians accepted the Rambouillet accord because their leaders grasped the opportunity for an autonomy guaran- on a NATO ground force for teed by the West. However, the the implementation of the acprospects of an autonomous cord in Kosovo.

By Thanos Veremis allow the Albanians to prosper within Serbia and even acquire

a demographic edge in a few decades was not a welcome prospect for the Serbs. Mr. Milosevic's apparent priority had been to quell his rebellious province, or if that failed, to partition it and preserve for his country what could be salvaged of the Serb heritage. Mr. Milosevic's opportuni-

ty to evade an autonomy agreement leading eventually to the self-determination of the entire province was provided by the insistence of the United States

has just about canceled the possibility of cohabitation between the majority of Kosovo's population and Serbia. NATO should at this stage consider the options between a protracted ground war in the region and a cease-fire that would possibly allow an orderly partition of Kosovo and the creation of a new Kosovo state. This entity could become a UN trusteeship with two self-ruled regions of a five-year duration at the end of which they could evolve into a bizonal, bicommunal federation if they so chose. The security and viability of this state

members and its boundaries safeguarded. The prospect of a greater Al-

could be guaranteed by NATO

The present conflagration bania, or the controversial issue of a potential change to international borders, can be precluded by maintaining the external boundaries of the former Yugoslavia along the precedent of Slovenia and Croatia. In other words, the putative Kosovo entity should not be permitted to unite with its Albanian brethen of the region.

If such a development emerged from the present turmoil in this region of the Balkans, then all hope will have been lost for pacification and

The writer, president of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

## Conscription Makes It Harder for Nations to Go to War

WASHINGTON — The greatest inhibition on a democratic leader's ability to wage war is the need to muster the support (and muffle the opposition) of the people for when President Lyndon such a drastic action. The all- Johnson sought congressional volunteer force has made it too easy for a president to order American troops and aircraft into wars and dangerous

'peacekeeping' adventures.
The political risks are greatly diminished when the enlisted ranks of the armed forces those brave and dedicated soldiers at greatest risk -- are disproportionately minorities, such as African Americans, and the less advantaged, paid at such low levels that they live on the edge of poverty during America's greatest economic boom. To a great extent, this may explain the indifference of middleclass and affluent Americans to recent deployments of armed

BEIJING — There comes a time in trade policy when

the perfect becomes the enemy

of the good. This is such a

moment. Without further delay

China should be admitted to the

World Trade Organization, A

timetable to implement this de-

cision should be announced when Prime Minister Zhu

Rongji meets this week with

In a perfect world, we would

have every right to insist that

China's international trade re-

gime mirror the WTO norms of

nondiscrimination, national

treatment, open trade and trans-

parency. But exclusion of China from the WTO in the

meantime does not serve the

political or economic interests

China is a great power, rep-

resenting one-fifth of humanity.

The United States needs to work

with China in many areas, in-

cluding support of the Asian

economy, the crisis in Kosovo,

regional nuclear arms control in

India and Pakistan, and controls

over North Korea's nuclear pro-

gram. Trade policy does not

exist in isolation. Trade policy

If the United States expects

China to not engage in the

current round of compensive

currency devaluations in Asia.

it should deliver WTO mem-

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this case is Japan. For 30 years

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Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

Japan had trade policies that

The applicable precedent in

is a deal worth making.

is foreign policy.

of the United States.

President Bill Clinton.

forces into Haiti, Bosnia, So- the affluent middle class a cushmalia and Grenada, and bombing assaults on Sudan and Iraq. service and avoid dying in the When President Lyndon jungles of Southeast Asia.

support for the initial air raids and subsequent troop buildup in Vietnam, the House unanimously approved the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, and the Senate passed it by a 98 to 2 vote. Even though only the Democratic Senators Wayne Morse of Oregon and Ernest Gruening of Alaska dissented, Johnson was nonetheless wary of the political dangers that lay ahead.

At that time, the Selective Service System and the draft were alive and well. But in the early stages of the Vietnam buildup, deferments were available for anyone who went to college and on to graduate school. Those exemptions gave

international community adopt-

ed a policy of commercial en-

gagement with Japan. As coun-

sel for the U.S. rice industry for

10 years, I fought the exclusion

of foreign rice from Japan.

which violated the GATT. And

yet it was good to have Japan

inside the GATT, which per-

mitted the issue to be raised in a

multilateral context, subject to

sanctions from all GATT mem-

bers, rather than in a bilateral

dispute that could have poisoned

clude China in the WTO, pre-

cisely because it will be able to

engage China multilaterally in

what has become since 1994 a

highly effective WTO dispute-

resolution process. China has

many tariff and nontariff barriers

to trade, ranging from a lack of

transparency to high duties and

blatantly protectionist standards

used to keep out U.S. tobacco.

wheat, fruit and vegetables.

China's accession to the GATT

would expose its protectionist

practices and more rapidly pro-

It would be a mistake to insist

that China eliminate all such

barriers before WTO admission.

What is required is a schedule

that provides a program so that

China can work cooperatively

with the international commu-

nity to get rid of its trade barriers

From an economic perspec-

tive. Chinese entry into the

WTO also makes sense. Fifty

percent of all economic activity

over a reasonable period.

mote their elimination.

The United States should in-

U.S.-Japanese relations.

China Should Be Allowed Into the WTO

By Bart S. Fisher

By Joseph A. Califano ion on which to sit out military

> Convinced that the burden of war fell unfairly on the poor and minorities who could not buy into the safe harbors of college and graduate school, Johnson sought a more equitable way to determine who shall serve when not all serve. In 1967 he asked Congress for authority to establish a lottery and end graduate school deferments. Congress gave him that power, and he exercised it immediately.

Suddenly the affluent middle class found their sons in harm's way, and all hell broke loose. They began to raise hard questions about the Vietnam War. Parents supported their children's enormous protest march

in China is now in private

hands. Participation in the WTO would provide a lifeline

to the reform-minded leaders of

China such as Mr. Zhu, who

have been attempting to link

slowed and will slow more as a

result of its delays in making

Y2K computer conversions, but

it remains the key to Asia's

economic situation. To reverse

the decline in China's growth,

exports and foreign investment,

China must become more ef-

ficient, which accession to the

U.S. exporters of goods, ser-

vices and capital also would

benefit from Chinese accession

to the WTO. China would be

required to open such markets

as telecommunications, insur-

ance and financial services in

order to join the WTO and its

services code, The United

States is now a service econ-

gross domestic product in ser-

vices. These enterprises would

benefit if China were forced to

comply with the WTO prin-

ciples of national treatment and

Perhaps the greatest bene-

ficiary of Chinese accession

would be high-technology en-

terprises requiring protection of

their property rights in China,

including producers of software,

movies and book publishers. Accession to the WTO would

bring China to the negotiating

table in this crucial area.

nondiscrimination.

China to the West.

WTO would ensure.

anguish over his decision to revamp the draft, for he fully appreciated the firestorm his action was likely to spark. The fact that every economic and social class stood at equal risk of being conscripted into the military ignited furious opposition to the war across a broad spectrum of Americans who believed that the national interest in Vietnam was not sufficient to

risk their sons' lives. The most momentous decision a president or a Congress can make is to send young men to war. A volunteer army relieves affluent, vocal, voting in Washington in October Americans of the concern that

U.S. leadership on the China

WTO accession issue will be

decisive. If America wants China in the WTO, Europe and

Japan will follow its lead. It is

now time to engage China in the

world economy to boost global

The writer, an attorney and

getown University School of

Foreign Service, contributed

this comment to The Wash-

economic recovery.

China's economic growth has adjunct professor at the Geor-

1967, a few months after John their children will be at risk of son had eliminated graduate going into combat. That makes school deferments. Living through that tumul- embark on dangerous foreign tuous period on the White adventures without thinking House staff and being one of the through every downside and fastrongest proponents of the new cing nagging questions from

I do not question the sincerity of the president or members of Congress who support the Kosovo deployment to stop the ethnic cleansing by the Serbs. But with votes so close in Congress and such serious doubts about the wisdom and morality of the policy, we would all be much more comfortable that the administration and its supporters in Congress had thought through the consequences of our involvement if they had been required to make their decisions and cast their votes with a military drawn from every segment of society, instead of one disproportionately made up of the

less advantaged. In a democratic, egalitarian society, all citizens, no matter how thick their fathers' wallets and their mothers' pocketbooks. should be subjected to the same obligation and risk of serving

their nation in armed conflicts.

There is no better way to end the indifference of our people. get their timely attention and put pressure on our leaders to answer the hard questions before the takeoff instead of after the landing.

The writer was President Lyndon Johnson's special assistant for domestic affairs. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1899: Bloomer Battle

LONDON - The "battle of the bloomers," as the test case has been called which was brought by Viscountess Harberton against Mrs. Sprague for refusing to serve her with refreshment, on the ground that she was wearing "rational cosmme" has not proved a test case after all. For the defence it omy, with 80 percent of its was urged that Mrs. Sprague agreed to give her what she wanted in the bar parlor, but Lady Harberton refused to sit there, because workmen were standing drinking and smoking. It was submitted that no guest had any right to select any particular room. The jury found Mrs. Sprague not guilty.

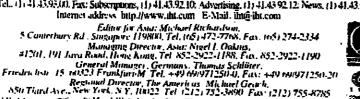
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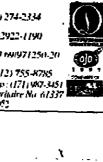
PARIS - [The Herald says in an Editorial:] Almost all hygien-

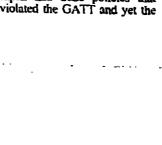
of bodily ills. The Department of, Agriculture has found that every American ate last year nearly half a pound a day. The peasants of France regale themselves with meat much more freely than formerly. It argues two things: that meat is more plentiful; and that the greater abundance of paper money tends to extravagant indulgence.

#### 1949: "Churchill's Suit LONDON 12 -Winston.

Churchill's "siren suit" brought a sneet from London's style savants. Mr. Churchill, garbed in something closely resembling 2. pair of baggy summer flying overalls predicted that it would be the dress of the future. The magazine "Tailor and Cutter." which has been setting men fashions since Victorian times. said the war-time Prime Minister was "off the mark there." ists are agreed that excessive. The "siren suit" lacks artistic meat-eating causes a multitude appearance, the magazine said







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## **Changed Perceptions** Of American Power

By E.J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — Three foreign policy syndromes are being laid to rest because of America's war against the Serbian forces of President Slobodan Milosevic. How we judge this use of American power will depend on results — especially for suffering Kosovars and for the future effectiveness of NATO. But the end of potentially destructive precon-

ceptions is always a good thing. • The Vietnam Syndrome. Seen from the perspective of opponents of the Vietnam War, it was a sensible wariness, a belief that it is prudent to recognize the limits of American power. Seen from the viewpoint of those who still defend intervention in Vietnam, the syndrome was rooted in a mistaken belief that American power was an invidious force and could never be used to a good end.

The Vietnam syndrome has suffered many blows in this decade, beginning with America's success in the war against Iraq. By committing American forces in so many fights — for starters, in Haiti, Bosnia and Iraq — President Bill Clinton has embraced the idea that American military power can be used on behalf of democracy, human rights and legitimate national interests.

But the war in Kosovo is the decisive break. This is a case in which most Vietnam-era doves swallowed their ambivalence and endorsed the use of force. Indeed, some longtime hawks have argued that former doves like this intervention precisely because vital American national interests are not at stake.

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In an admirably candid column in USA Today, Walter Shapiro spoke for many anti-Vietnam vet-Schooled as I was in the of American military power, I now find myself in the awkward position of trying to jus-tify my support for NATO air strikes against Slobodan Milo-sevic," he wrote. "As years of dithering over Bosnia tragically proved, America is the only nation with the resources and the will to take a firm stand against the barbarians and the terrorists at

the gates of civilized society." The end of the Vietnam syndrome is a trans-Atlantic phenomenon. A remarkable convert to the use of Western power is Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer

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of Germany, a member of the pacifist Greens party,

"If you are called a warmonger, then you begin to ask yourself whether you have really made every effort" to avoid war, Mr. Fischer said last week. "I can only

say that the answer is, yes."

The Gulf War Syndrome. This syndrome, the flip side of the Vietnam syndrome, threatened to convince us that the use of American power is easy.

The Gulf War was successful for two reasons: extraordinary preparation and a very clear goal an end to Iraq's occupation of Kuwait. But it is wrong to con-clude that the United States' technological superiority will make all future wars seem that easy.

The slaughter let loose in Kosovo by Mr. Milosevic's legions and the capture of U.S. servicemen should teach us the limits of airpower and the need to be prepared for battles in which technology must be supplemented by a will to see a war through.

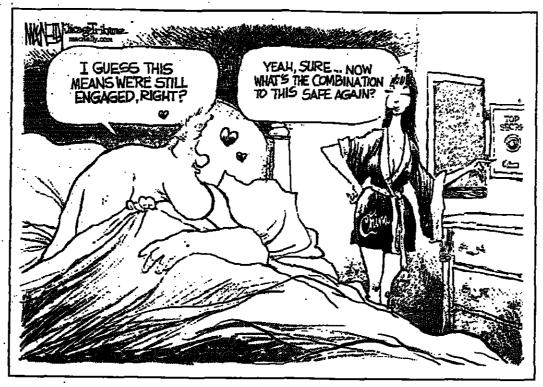
Wars are ugly and involve moral evil. We should fight them only if our objectives are worthy, and if we are prepared to bring all our forms to bear to achieve them forces to bear to achieve them. Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona, is rightly earning kudos for his forthrightness in declaring that having entered this war to protect Kosovars, we should not pull back until they are truly protected even if that may mean com-

mitting American ground troops. • The Knee-Jerk Syndrome. It used to be that hawks were hawks and doves were doves and their reactions to American intervention, anywhere, were predictable.

With so many former doves now Kosovo hawks and so many ex-hawks now Kosovo doves, it is impossible to stereotype anyone anymore. Almost everyone accepts that American power can be used for good or ill, in the national interest or not, effectively or ineffectively. With the slaying of the syndromes, we can argue plainly about whether, when, where and how that power should be used. Even if the U.S. administration

was unprepared for what this war would entail, the brutality of Mr. Milosevic's forces now gives us little choice but to fight on until Kosovars regain security in their own land.

The Washington Post.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Justice for Lockerbie

Putting the two Libyan suspects on trial is only a small step toward justice. According to the U.S. and British indictments, the suspects are the least of the Libyans involved in the Lockerbie atrocity. At Nuremberg we tried the leaders, not the underlings who carried out their murderous orders. Why are we concentrating on the two agents

and ignoring their superiors?
We, the relatives of the victims, want the whole truth about the bombing. Any trial that is limited to Lamen Khalifa Fhimah and Abdel Basset Ali Megrahi will be a farce. A proceeding that does not examine evidence of the Libyan government's culpability will not produce justice, whether or not the two suspects are convicted.

The Libyan government has consistently proposed that there be no civil liability or criminal charges against anyone else, even if there is firm evidence they were involved in the bombing.

No government should make

any agreement to prevent or limit the civil action in exchange for this strange criminal proceeding. The politicians should not expect that this elaborately staged trial will divert anger and attention from the real issue of punishing state-sponsored terrorism. BRUCE M. SMITH.

Port Orange, Florida.

#### About NATO's Action

Two weeks of NATO bombing have caused nothing but misery and destruction. The deterioration of the situation is a direct consequence of the air strikes. They have fueled extremism on both sides in Kosovo, making the prospect for a negotiated settlement more remote than ever. The law of the jungle now prevails.

NATO has consistently ig-nored the root cause of the conflict in Kosovo, which is Albanian sep-aratism. Today, NATO focuses on Serbian "aggression" to justify the bombing, using terms like "genocide" and "concentration camps" to make its case. Yet what is happening in Kosovo is no different from the events of 1995, when the Croats drove 250,000 Krajina Serbs from their home-

and looting along the way. NATO's objective should now be to find a face-saving way to stop bombing and to arrange a political settlement, based on Serbia's territorial integrity, that is acceptable to both Albanians and Serbs.

GEORGE TINTOR.

NATO is a vast bureaucracy in search of a mission. As such, it is a menace to world peace. If Slobodan Milosevic somehow patches it up with the Kosovars and

unravels NATO, he will go down in history as a great statesman. LARRY PARR. Kuala Lumpur.

Regarding "This American Noisemaker Is All Bark With No Bite" (Opinion. April 6) by Wiliam Safire:

I propose a new verb for American English: To yap on obsessively, boringly and with great loathing about President Bill Clinton is "to safire."

MARTA CLARK. Wilmslow, Britain,

#### Orthodox Bulgaria

Bulgaria is referred to as a "historically Muslim" country ("The Silent Issue: Greater Alhania, April 6). Officially 85 percent of Bulgarian population is Christian Orthodox and 13 percent is land in one weekend, murdering Muslim. Historically, Bulgaria preserved the Orthodox religion and the Slavonic language, even in the darkest hours for the country under the Turkish yoke. Bulgaria has never been a Muslim country.

Confusion and distortion of historical facts from the pages of your highly reputable paper may lead to artificial tension. The crisis in Kosovo is a test for stability in the world, and there is no place for ignorance at the end of SIIKA PASTRAKOVA.

London.

## Privacy Needs Protection From Information Mongers

By Amitai Etzioni

WASHINGTON — It seems (Greenwich Village?) and marital self-evident that information about your shoe size does not need to be as well guarded as information about tests ordered by your doctor. But with the federal and state governments' piecemeal approach to privacy protection, if we Americans release information about one facet of our lives. keters to track users' preferences we inadvertently expose much about the others.

During Senate hearings in 1987 about Robert Bork's fitness to serve as a Supreme Court justice.

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a reporter found out which videotapes Judge Bork rented. The response was the enactment of the ideo Privacy Protection Act. Another law prohibits the So-

cial Security administration from releasing Social Security numbers. Still other laws limit what states can do with information provided to motor vehicle departments.

Congress is now seeking to add some more panels to this crazy quilt of narrowly drawn privacy laws. The House recently endorsed a bill to prohibit banks and securities and insurance companies owned by the same parent corporation from sharing personal medical information. Congress is also grappling with laws to pre-vent some information about mutual-fund holdings from being sold

and bought as freely as hot dogs. But with superpowerful computers and vast databases in the private sector, personal information cannot be segmented in this manner. For example, in 1996, a man in Los Angeles obtained a store card that gave him discounts and allowed the store to trace his purchases. After injuring his knee in the store, he sued for damages. He was told that if he proceeded with his suit, the store would use the fact that he bought a lot of liquor to show that he must have fallen because he was a drunkard.

Some health insurers try to 'cherry pick" their clients, seeking to cover only those who are least likely to have genetic problems or contract costly diseases like AIDS. Some laws prohibit insurers from asking people directly about their sexual orientation. But companies sometimes refuse to insure those whose vocation status (single at 40-plus?) suggest that they might pose high risks.

Especially comprehensive privacy invaders are "cookies" -surveillance files that many marketers implant in the personal computers of people who visit their Web sites to allow the marand transactions. Cookies, we are assured, merely inform marketers about our wishes so that advertising can be better directed, spar-

ing us from a flood of junk mail. Actually, by tracing the steps we take once we gain a new piece of information, cookies reveal not only what we buy (a thong from Victoria's Secret? antidepress-

ants?) but also how we think.
All this has led Scott McNealy. chairman and chief executive of Sun Microsystems, to state, "You already have zero privacy - get over it." This pronouncement of the death of privacy is premature. but we will be able to keep it alive only if we introduce general, allencompassing protections over segmented ones.

Some cyberspace anonymity can be provided by new technologies like anti-cookie programs and encryption software that allow us to encrypt all of our data. Corporate self-regulation can also help. IBM, for example, said last week that it would pull its advertising from Web sites that do not have clear privacy policies.

Other companies such as Disney and Kellogg have voluntarily agreed not to collect information about children aged 12 or younger without the consent of their parents. And some new government regulation of Internet commerce may soon be required, if only because the European Union is insisting that any personal infor-mation about the citizens of its member countries cannot be used without the citizen's consent.

Especially sensitive information should get extra protection. But such selective security can work only if all the other information about a person is not freely accessible elsewhere.

The writer, professor of sociology at George Washington University, is the author, most recently, of "The Limits of Privacy." He contributed this com-(designer?), place of residence ment to The New York Times.

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By Douglas Jehl

RIYADH — This capital stretches 65 kilometers from end to end, spread across the desert like a landlocked Los Angeles. It is said to be growing faster than any other city in the world. with a population doubling every nine years.

Until now Riyadh has expanded out, not up. But that may be about to change. Two gleaming multiuse towers will soon dwarf every other structure in the kingdom. They are the progeny of rival princes but may also send a more prosaic signal: that broader is not necessarily better.

"This will be the Michigan Avenue of Riyadh." Sabah Sammakieh, manager of one project, said, referring to a Chicago-skyline transformation that is hard to envision in this ho-

Still, as planners wrestle with Riyadh's future, many have been asking how long the sprawl can

"We have to prepare for the circumstances." said Drystian Siebert, chief planner for the Riyadh office blocks interspersed with vacant lots.

High Commission, which is trying to figure out how to accommodate an anticipated increase from today's population of 3.5 million to a predicted 10.5 million by 2021. Even that figure would require a slowing of the current growth rate.

Mr. Siebert and others in Riyadh know the danger of underestimation. In 1982, when the diplomatic capital was moved to Riyadh from the Red Sea city of Jidda, there were sober pro- ilies want space. jections that the capital's population, then under a million, would hit 2.5 million sometime about

Instead the population has been growing faster than anyone had predicted -at a rate of 8 percent a year. That is more than twice even Saudi Arabia's sky-high overall rate; residents swear that they can see the city's boundaries expand by

Riyadh today is larger in area than Paris and just slightly smaller than greater London. While those cities have charms large and small, Riyadh has few. Scarred by poor planning and haste, its development has hopscotched, leaving low-slung

(the Interior Ministry resembles a flying saucer). And its most beautiful buildings, residential palaces, tend to be behind high walls.

One reason it has sprawled, planners say, is that Saudi families tend to be large. With an average of 7.2 people per household, even more than in most other Muslim countries, most fam-

That aspiration is intensified by the priority that conservative Saudis put on privacy, with homes designed to guard women from strangers' sight.
Few Saudis of any class would feel com-

fortable living in an apartment, with strangers above and below. And even among people feeling the pain of tight economic times, few say they would be willing to settle for anything short of a

spacious two-story villa on a large lot.

The sprawl has compounded the problems government jobs. posed by the population increase, further straining efforts to build roads and deliver services to homes in what is, after all, a desert, Riyadh has

little in the way of natural resources. Saudi Arabia's vast oil supplies are hundreds million.

It has modern embassies and official buildings of kilometers away, and limited electrical capacity means that brownouts are frequent. Wells fed by deep aquifers provide one-third of city water, the rest must come hundreds of kilometers by pipeline from desalination plants on the

Riyadh's status as capital has nothing to do with comfort but is tied to history. The city was seized in 1902 from the hands of a rival tribe by the man who would become King Abdulaziz and unify Saudi Arabia. It has remained the stronghold of the ruling Al Saud family.

And as the government center it has remained an irresistible beacon, even with summer temperatures that routinely exceed 46 degrees centigrade (115 Fahrenheit). Its population has been swelled by Saudis from all over the kingdom. drawn by hopes of securing royal patronage or

Riyadh has also lured hundreds of thousands of foreigners - construction workers, servants, computer technicians and consultants - who account for 25 percent of a population of 20

No one, certainly not the developers, expects the opening of the high-rises in Riyadh to attract more than a handful of residents. Housing is not their main purpose. In fact they are as much icons as buildings, each with a distinctive design and shape. They will maximize their impact by standing some 60 stories tall—even though, to abide by legal limits, both structures have only 30 floors.

The smaller, the Faisaliah Complex, is being

built by the King Faisal Foundation, Saudi Arabia's biggest developer, whose profits are used for philanthropy, said its secretary general, Prince Bandar ibn Saud, It will be 250 meters tall and will eclipse the several 10-story buildings that until 1992 were the tallest permitted by law.

The other is Kingdom Center, by Prince Walid ibu Talal, a financier. It is supposed to top 300 meters, which will make it the second-tallest building in the Middle East — behind one in Dubai - and 23d in the world.

Both are to include malls, hotels, conference centers and a few residential condominiums meant, for now, to attract foreign business

## Scottish Judge Charges 2 Libyans With Murder

CAMP ZEIST. Netherlands - Two

Libyans were charged with murder and conspiracy Tuesday in connection with the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in which 270 people died.

The two men, handed over by Libya

on Monday after years of tormous negotiations, appeared before a Scottish judge at a former U.S. air base in the

The base has been temporarily declared British territory as part of a com-plex deal brokered by the United Nations to bridge the diplomatic chasm between the United States, Britain and Libva.

The hearing was held before a Scottish sheriff, or regional judge, and under Scottish law.

London and Washington have ac-cused Abdel Basset Ali Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, allegedly Libyan secret agents, of planting the suitcase bomb that downed Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie on Dec. 21, 1988, killing

Nigeria Loser

**Drops Appeal** 

ABUJA, Nigeria - Opponents

of General Olusegun Obasanjo on

Tuesday withdrew their appeal

against his presidential election vic-

tory, paving the way for the former

military ruler to assume power on May 29.

Obasanjo's defeated rival, Olu Fa-

lae, said the legal team dropped its

Court after it was rejected by the Court of Appeal on Monday.

peal." said the lawyer, Godwin Ajayi. "I will give you details on the macon why later."

The threat of a Supreme Court

challenge was the last legal obstacle

to General Obasanjo's taking office

next month, when General Ab-

dulsalami Abubakar has promised to

step down, thereby ending 15 years

Mr. Falae had alleged fraud dur-

ing the Feb. 27 election, in which

General Obasanjo won about 63

percent of the vote, but few ex-

pected the result to be overturned.

Five judges unanimously denied

General Obasanjo, who relin-

quished power for Nigeria's last elected president in 1979, was due

to return home on Tuesday after the

first stage of a post-victory world

Local and international observers

reported blatant fraud, but blamed

both sides and said the cheating had

not affected the final outcome of the

the election challenge on Monday

because of insufficient evidence.

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a total of 270 people.

Both men deny the charges.

A spokesman for the Scottish Office said the arrest process involved the reading out of all 270 names of those killed in the disaster, including 189 Americans

and 11 people on the ground. The initial appearance before the judge will probably be followed by a further court appearance next week that would lead to committal for trial, the Scottish Office official said.

The handover of the men on Monday marked the end of 10 years of wrangling between Britain, the United States and Libya. As a result, the United Nations immediately suspended its severe sanctions on the Libyan government of Colonel Moammar Gadhafi.

But separate sanctions imposed by the United States in 1986, before the Lockerbie deaths in 1988, will not end until other conditions are fulfilled. American officials said.

When Libya earlier refused to furnish the suspects, Britain and the United States pressed for UN sanctions, which were imposed in 1992. The sanctions were toughened in 1993.

These sanctions have barred air travel to and from Libya as well as the sale of arms and spare parts for aviation and for the oil industry, which is vital to Libya.

Although the sanctions were suspended Monday, the Security Council must still vote to lift them completely. It can do so within 90 days if the secretary-general reports that Libya has met other conditions, such as cooperating with France in its investigation of the bombing of a French UTA flight over Niger in

1989 in which 171 people died.

■ Italian Official Visits Libya

Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini of Italy on Tuesday became the first high-ranking foreign official to fly into Libya after its seven years of international isolation because of the Pan Am bombing. The Associated Press reported from

Mr. Dîni said Libya should now take a new role in international affairs.

'I am very pleased to have arrived by air with no difficulties encountered or time wasted. Therefore, I am very happy to be here in Libya today, Mr. Dini said, according to JANA, the official

Libyan news agency He said he would try to convince his European partners to allow Libya to attend future meetings of the European Union on the Mediterranean area, which are a forum for regional trade and polit-

Italy is heavily dependent on Libyan petroleum and gas, and relations, while tested at times, have endured.

In Cairo, an official of the national carrier EgyptAir said that it planned to resume regular flights to Tripoli on Wednesday. Libyan Airlines was ex-



MEETING OF MINDS — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt receiving an honorary degree at Beijing University on Tuesday, when China joined with Egypt in a call for reforms in the UN's Security Council.

## 2 Epidemics Blamed on Germ Warfare

#### Russian Defector's Book Reports Accident at a Secret Chinese Plant

By William J. Broad and Judith Miller New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- The most senior deprogram says in a new book that Soviet when Japanese attackers sowed epidem- ging genes to make harmful microbes And Libya must agree to pay compensation to the families of the Lock-officials concluded that China suffered a ics there, killing thousands of Chinese. erbie crash victims if its two agents are serious accident at one of its secret plants convicted, (Reuters, NYT) for developing biological weapons

causing two major epidemics. The book also reports that Soviet researchers tried to turn HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, into a weapon and that even as the last Soviet president, Mikhail Gorbachev, pursued peace openings with the West, he ordered a vast expansion of the deadly effort to turn after his defection in 1992 give his new germs and viruses into weapons of mass

destruction The defector, Kanatjan Alibekov, now known as Ken Alibek, says in the book that as deputy director of a top branch of the Soviet program, he knew of the disaster in China because he saw secret Soviet intelligence reports twice a

Spy satellites peering down at China found what seemed to be a large biological-weapons laboratory and plant near a remote site for testing nuclear warheads, he wrote. Intelligence agents then found evidence that two epidemics of hemorrhagic fever swept the region in the late 1980s. The area had never previously known such diseases, which

cause profuse bleeding and death.
"Our analysts." Mr. Alibek said, "concluded that they were caused by an accident in a lab where Chinese scipected to begin flying to Egypt soon, the entists were weaponizing viral dis-official said, speaking on condition of eases." Viral scourges that cause intense arming of giant SS-18 intercontinental

bleeding include Marburg fever and the ballistic missiles aimed at New York, dreaded Ebola virus.

China has signed a 1972 treaty banning biological weapons. During World War II it became one of the few modern are: fector from the Soviet germ-warfare countries to experience their horrors

which was written with a journalist, Stephen Handelman, and is being published by Random House this week. It was made available to The New York Times in advance.

U.S. intelligence officials who know what Mr. Alibek said in secret debriefings account considerable credence. They have called him highly believable about the subjects he knows firsthand, like the Soviet biological-weapons program from 1975 to 1992, when he served as one of Moscow's top germ warriors. He is less reliable, they say, on political and mil-itary issues that he knows secondhand.

The book asserts that Mr. Gorbachev. in his "characteristic scrawl," signed a five-year plan for 1985 to 1990 that ordered the most ambitious effort ever for the development of deadly germs and viruses, including smallpox, as weapons. In 1980, world health authorities declared the ancient scourge erad-

icated from all human populations. In 1988, as Mr. Gorbachev's glasnost and perestroika reform campaigns were in full swing and the Russians and Americans were negotiating new arms-control treaties. officials "at the highest levels," Mr. Alibek said, ordered the

Los Angeles, Seattle and Chicago with anthrax and other deadly germs. Among the book's other disclosures

 Moscow mastered the art of rearraneven more potent and harder to coun-The allegation is one of several in Mr. teract. Anthrax, a top biological warfare Alibek's new book. 'Biohazard,' agent that causes high fever and death, was genetically altered, he says, to resist

five kinds of antibiotics. • The top-secret program obtained a sample of HIV, the AIDS virus, from the United States in 1985 and tried unsuccessfully to turn the slow killer into a weapon.

· A senior military official told him that the Soviet Union had waged germ warfare in Afghanistan from planes, spraying armed rebels with glanders in an unsuccessful bid to subdue them. Glanders is a chronic bacterial disease of horses that can be highly lethal in hu-

 Under a top-secret project known as Bonfire, Soviet scientists in 1989 discovered "a new class of weapons" -now called bioregulators -- that could 'damage the nervous system, alter moods, trigger psychological changes and even kill." The KGB secret police agency was particularly interested in them because they "could not be traced by pathologists." A Soviet program called Flute worked on germs and other agents that could be used mainly for political assassinations.

Mr. Alibek has said that he decided to speak out publicly to fight the spread of biological weapons and to seek absolution for having made them.

#### BRIEFLY

#### Christians Patrol Nazareth Streets

NAZARETH, Israel - Distraught Christians closed churches Tuesday in the town where the Bible says Jesus lived as a boy, and some. armed with clubs, patrolled streets in response to weekend clashes with Muslims.

Two days after the outbreak of sectarian violence, the town of 42.000 Muslims and 18.000 Christians was still simmering with fear

and suspicion. Disappointed tourists visiting Nazareth's major attraction - the Church of the Annunciation -

found locked gates Tuesday. At the core of the dispute is a halfacre plot next to the church. The Christian mayor wants to build a plaza for millennium pilgrims there. Muslims say the land belongs to the Islamic Trust and want a large mosque to be built on the site. (AP)

#### Ex-Official Hiding From Mexico Probe

MEXICO CITY - A former state governor under investigation for alleged ties to drug traffickers said in a letter published Tuesday that he had gone into hiding to es-cape what he called politically motivated persecution.

Mario Villanueva, whose sixyear term in Quintana Roo state ended Monday, has failed to appear for questioning by prosecutors since a 12-hour interrogation by Mexico's anti-drug czar last month. He did not attend his successor's inauguration Monday night.

His lawyer, Juan Collado. confirmed that Mr. Villanueva had written the letter.

#### 4 Hanged in Death Of Iraqi Cleric

BAGHDAD - Four Iraqis, including three clergymen, have been executed for assassinating Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric, Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Sadiq Sader. and two of his sons in Najaf in February, according to an official statement Tuesday.

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The four were hanged after a security court sentenced them to death, the Directorate General of Security said.

The official Iraqi press agency, INA, carried the statement, which did not specify were or when the sentences were carried out. (AP)

#### For the Record

Israel on Tuesday ordered the closure of two Palestinian offices in East Jerusalem. One was the office of an adviser on Christian affairs. the other was a center for a prisoners' support group.

## LIBYA: European Oil Companies Get Set for Investment Boom

Continued from Page 1

the issue of having political stability to attract foreign investment." For that stability, he said, air traffic must be free.]

Over the years, Western diplomats and Libyans have acknowledged that the sanctions have done little damage to the country. Libya had domestic suppliers of parts it needed to keep its oil industry running. The air embargo affected im- British drilling. ports and exports, but Libya could use its seaports. European countries also continued buying oil from Libya, and several African nations have ignored the

Already, Libya has taken steps to wel-come back oil companies that left through the 1980s as a combination of UN sanctions and threats against foreigners by the Libyan leader. Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, made the nation a no-go area for Westerners.

Geneva, the Libyan oil minister, Abdallah Salim Badri, will announce amendments to the nation's petroleum law, which dates from 1955, and unveil the first major round of bidding for oil

exploration rights in four years. Mr. Badri said last month in Vienna that he already had held talks with U.S. oil companies about returning.

"As far as Libya is concerned, they are welcome back." Mr. Badri said.

some of our previous partners. We have consortium that includes Marathon Oil been contacted by the American oil companies, and we want them to come back to Libya."

a prize for the world's oil industry. Lasmo of London pumps Libyan oil for \$5 or so per barrel, about half the cost for The two-year oil price slump has

made Libya's cheap oil even more attractive. Benchmark Brent crude oil little more than half their 1997 peak price of almost \$25. Libyan projects. however, are profitable even if prices slip well below \$10 a barrel.

ENI, based in Rome, produces about 16 percent of Libya's oil, and it discovered the nation's biggest offshore Libya's Mediterranean coast and a

pipeline under the sea to Italy. Others, such as Total SA of France, OMV AG of Austria, Repsol SA of Spain and Lundin Oil AB of Sweden, also are active in exploring for oil in Libya. Still, the U.S. companies that with-

drew in the early 1980s after sanctions

tightened probably will not be back

soon. In 1986. President Ronald Reagan

Co., Conoco Inc. and Amerada Hess Corp. to pull out after Libyans were linked to the bombing of an Egyptian With proven oil reserves of about 30 billion barrels — almost as much as has been found in the North Sea — Libya is drew in 1982, a year after a U.S. trade

embargo began. And in 1996, the U.S. Congress tightened sanctions against Iran and Libya, accusing both of funding If U.S. sanctions were lifted. Conoco,

Hess and Marathon could have a head start on their rivals, since assets worth prices, currently \$14.72 a barrel, are about \$2 billion, including seven major oil fields, have been held in trust by Libya until sanctions are removed. While the United States has acknowl-

edged that Libya has not sponsored terrorism in at least three years, Jane's Defense Weekly last year reported that intelligence officials were concerned -go area for Westerners.

field. The company is seeking customers—that Libya's \$25 billion "great Later this month at a conference in to back a \$3.5 billion investment in new man-made river" project could be used gas production from the Wafa field on to support a chemical-weapons program or to speed troops to Libya's borders. Libya maintains that the irrigation project is to develop agriculture near its

northern cities. Even so, almost nobody expects the United States to lift sanctions.

"UN sanctions will go, but the U.S. sanctions will be retained," said George Joffe, a scholar on the region at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, a Lon-We already have been in contact with told Occidental Petroleum Corp. and a don policy consultancy,

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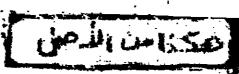
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# Lionel Hampton Is Still Swinging Packing the House, at 91

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

ARIS — During Lionel Hampton's just concluded week in the strument. Nobody ever played melody room named for him, Jazz Club on the vibes. Louis Lionel Hampton in the Meridien asked me if I knew Hotel at Porte Maillot, people in the sold-out audience were saying that this was probably the last time they would did, but I didn't."

Westing a nau ever see him. Audiences have been say-ing that for well over a decade now.

He lends new meaning to the term living legend. Part of the experience of watching him perform in 1999 is the lends implication of the experience of the antire history of the control clear implication of the entire history of 20th-century popular music. He will be 91 on April 20. This is not a round ment there and play on the next recognings. I number and there will be no official celebration. Still, at this point, each passing year should be cheered. Either played on was a Euble way. promoters have been inquiring about New Year's Eve.

Born in 1908 in Louisville, Kentucky, raised in the Catholic church, he learned that was how the vibes at the Cotton Club in California. the rudiments of drumming from a Dominican nun. He became the drum-mer with Les Hite's band in Frank Sebastian's Cotton Club in Culver City, California, It was 1926, he was 18.

The way he remembers it: "After a few years. Frank Sebastian got tired of the old band and wanted to put on a new band. He brought Louis Armstrong from the East Coast to front Les Hite's orchestra. Louis Armstrong named me Gates. 'You can really swing, he told me. I was always a good timekeeper on the drums."

From timekeeper to gatekeeper to Gates. When Hampton, who had trouble remembering names, started to call everybody he knew "Gates," it was generalized into the "Man" or "Dude"

Frank Sebastian used to introduce us. 'The world's greatest trumpet player Louis Armstrong with the world's fast-est drummer Lionel Hampton," he recalls. "I juggled four sticks at once and kept the time too. We were a bunch of youngsters but we could all read music and we had good soloists.

Hampton is sitting in a cozy suite on the top floor of the Meridien. At the end of a six-week tour, with the sun streaming stop the music, getting him off band-in on a warm April afternoon, he appears stands was always difficult. in on a warm April afternoon, he appears to be at home on the road. The Champagne served by the club downstairs is called "Cuvee Lionel Hampton." A spokesman for Vertus, its producers, said it was the first time a product of the Champagne area of France had ever been named after anything other than something or someone from the region.

Louis liked us so well when he was fronting Les Hite's orchestra, he continues, "he got a record date and he used our band. The vibraharp was just coming "When's the next gig?" He played the

used it in studios to play gong music. It was a percussion inanything about the vibraharp. I told him I

Wearing a naughty the next recordings. I Blake tune. Memories of You. I played was created.

and occasionally drifting off. After suf-fering three strokes, he moves in a wheelchair or he walks very slowly with a cane, and not without aid. Watching his slow, shaky arrival on the bandstand is heartrending. Playing the vibes, he sits on a stool and pokes with only one mallet, resembling a sort of wind-up Lionel Hampton doll. But his current band swings as they all have, and he insists on

signing their paychecks himself.

After spending four historic years as part of the Benny Goodman Quartet with Gene Krupa and Teddy Wilson, Hampton went out on his own. He has led a swinging big band since 1940. Swing, the keeping of good time, is what keeps him going. It remains essential to him to contribute to the swing he insists on

being surrounded by.

During the big band era when you heard a swinging band you could not quite identify on the radio, it often turned out to be Hampton. What it may have lacked in personality was made up by the quality and the quantity of the swing. Hampton is famed for never wanting to

His young soloists — such players as Illinois Jacquet, Wes Montgomery, Clifford Brown. Dexter Gordon - would become legends on their own. A teenage Quincy Jones played trumpet with Hampton, who gave him his start as an arranger. He gave the singer Dinah Washington her big break.



an introduction. And Lionel Hampton started out in 1926 with Les Hite

He has been mumbling and hesitating birthday. A lifelong Republican, he doccasionally drifting off. After suf-He thanked him during his set, saying: "I know he's a Democrat but he never put his hand deep into my pocket."

> OMETIMES he remembers old stories even old friends haven't heard before. Recently he told a reporter from Los Angeles about one of his first road trips as a leader in 1940. The booker of a dance in Reading. California — 'Jack Hamilton, he was a whiskey drinker --- beat them out of their money.

Later that night, just about broke, they saw a farm house and pulled up to ask to use the phone. The farmer had been at the dance. "We played white people's tempos," Hampton explains. "And we'd put on a little show. We had a shake dancer, the band would play 'Tiger Rag.' With me juggling those four drumsticks. No white folks ever saw anything like that before."

The farmer, whose name — he cannot quite recall — was "something-hoff," took all 13 of them in for the night. The farmer's two daughters cooked for them. The next day, the farmer lent them the money to get to the next date.

Years later the story about a white farmer giving shelter to a black band in the middle of the night in 1940 was published in a California paper. Hampton's manager received a telephone call from what sounded like an elderly gentleman. He said he was the farmer's son dates a year. After it has been awhile, learn that the story had not been forgotten after all these years.
"I love music," Hampton says, "And

out then. NBC and the other networks. White House a few months after his 90th. I thank the Lord that I still play it."

# Thin Doings at the Barbican

'Wardrobe' Is Children's Theater at Its Laziest

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - Christmas has come a little late, or maybe early, to the Barbican this year. Adrian Noble's staging of Adtian Mitchell's adaptation of the old C.S. Lewis classic, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," was widely acclaimed as a children's treat at Stratford a few seasonal months ago, but seen in the harsher light of a London April it looks a little thin around the edges. Subsidized companies now depend

Substolized companies now depend crucially on an annual Christmas show for hard family cash, and the RSC has over the years achieved the first male "Peter Pan" (lately hijacked by the National), the last great original pantomime ("Swan Down Gloves"), as well as the musical "Wizard of Oz" and last year's "Christmas Casal." Christmas Carol.

But I rather doubt whether this one will stay the annual course; Mitchell's adaptation is very light on the sinister side of that creepy wardrobe door; the score by Shaun Davey is frankly pathetic, and as for acting we are left with Estelle Kohler doing a cut-price Wicked Witch of the North in a wonderful white fur but not a lot else.

We also get a none-too-Cowardly lion played impressively by Patrice Naiambana — who also seems to be wishing. with Kohler, that someone had bothered to write him a character to go with his

This is children's theater at its laziest, relying on a couple of fair-to-good sets and the usual Disney uplift at the end to cover the gaps where plot and char-acterization should have been developed

more thoroughly.
"Peter Pan," "The Wizard of Oz" and even "Cinderella" survive because they are rattling good yarns. "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" was always essentially a collection of short stories, the kind that parents loved to read but children dreaded to hear, and neither of the Adrians has managed to do anything to give it real dramatic power or intensity.

Though the Haymarket program goes to some trouble to disguise the fact, Neil Simon's "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" was filmed (with Jack Lemmon and Anne Bancroft) as long ago as 1975. and first seen on Broadway a couple of years before that.

The dating does, however, matter, and crucially. Not only was this one of the first examples of Simon's going really dark, but it also deals with a moment in history when the central character and Manhattan itself were on the brink of a total nervous Vashington her big break.

Hampton has been working about 75

tleman. He said he was the farmer's son collapse. The visitor to New York today will find little trace of that mid-70s urban breakdown. So what we have here is a

But to them all credit for going into a His genius lies in an utter fidelity to directors elsewhere.



Marsha Mason and Richard Drexfuss in "Prisoner of Second Avenue.

major theater in an open-ended run. his chosen text and its players, and an all Whether or not Dreyfuss and Mason can keep the cavernous Haymarket full all summer will be a much fairer and more interesting test of Hollywood box-office potency. Mason of course has a real claim to being a Simon interpreter. His second wife, she was also the inspiration for at least one of his classics ("Chapter Two"), and it was on the movie of his "Goodbye girl" in 1977 that she first worked with Dreyfuss.

So there is a lot of nostalgia here, as well as a couple of rather uneasy comic turns in a curiously and uncharacter-istically clumsy construction (four other characters in the play only make their appear-ance late in Act II). Seeing this play with the hindsight of 20

years or more, it is as though Simon himself was sharing the mid-life crisis, insecurity and inability to get things together that are the hallmark of his central character.

Frith Banbury is not only our oldest working director, but also one of the greatest. In a career of six decades he discovered such diverse dramatists as Robert Bolt, N.C. Hunter, Wynyard Browne and the newly reappraised Rod makes us care about them both in what is ney Ackland. But he remains a curiously What we also have are yet two more American movie stars in the West End:

rected a movie, a musical or an opera, it says about a form of theater on which we have all too eagerly turned our backs Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason. manent classical or modern company. in attending to flashier and more egoist

too rare refusal to market his own celebrity at the expense of anyone else's. It is good to see him returning to his heartland with a revival of D.L. Coburn's "The Gin Game."

True. Coburn remains (more than 20 years after this first opened on Broadway) a one-hit wonder. True, too, his play is yet another unfathomable Pulitzer Prize-winner, a two-hander in which two irritable old inmates of a rundown old folks' home bicker over a card table.

Both are divorced, loathed by their families and compulsively querulous. fighting to prove they are alive.

Yet as so often. Banbury takes this very minor and often static piece and turns it into some-thing infinitely touching, simply by taking two of the greatest character actors in the land, Dorothy Tutin and Joss Ackland, and having them give a masterclass in reacting as well as acting.

Truthfully, whether fighting for their

lives or living for their fights, they are on paper a thoroughly unattractive couple of old curmudgeons who deserve each other but seldom our attention.

Yet Banbury, in this characteristically thoughtful, understated production. a constant triumph of direction over

#### **BOOKS**

SCARS OF SWEET PARADISE: The Life and Times of Janis Joplin

By Alice Echols, 408 pages. \$2n. Metropolitan. Reviewed by Jonathan

Yardley

HERE is yet another serious biography of a signiticant figure in American popular music, hard on the heels of Peter Guralnick's second volume about Elvis Presley and Michael Lydon's life of Ray Charles. One of the problems these books pose is that much of their subjects' lives was spent on the road in an endless succession of concerns and other performances. Getting across the texture of this without merely reciting endless itineraries and other lists is tricky, and neither Guralnick nor Lydon

manages it. Alice Echols, in this biography of Janis Joplin, comes closer. Her book is not without its faults - her prose is squishy, and she cannot always resist the temptations of feminism's soapbox --- but it does the important stuff well.

Joplin is hardly a figure to place alongside Presley and Charles, but she was interesting and emblematic and very, very sad, all of which Echols captures convinthe three contexts that really matter; the white embrace of black music, the creation of Janis Joplin - the tough raw. at Austin, then in Haight-Ashof the 1960s counterculture. on the national stage that was ing square pegs into round wanted to thumb her nose at holes. Joplin really was, or everyone who had rejected seems to have been, exactly her, and she thought the way to what Echols says she was.

Joplin lived only 27 years - she died of an overdose of heroin in October 1970 - which she became a star.

She was an eccentric, unconventional woman, yet she came from a familiar mold: white picket fence?"

tional expectations for her. As that commands such interest be heading in that direction. "She'd been cute," said one classmate, "and all of a sudden she was ugly" — pimply. flat-chested, overweight so she chose to become "the school slut." To what extent this reputation was deserved as opposed to fabricated is unclear to this day, but what matters is that it was how she was perceived and that it set a pattern to which she was

faithful for the rest of her appallingly brief life. She was lonely and vulnerable, and she chose to be outrageous as a way of masking this; that, too, is a familiar story. She had a "sweet, femcingly. She places Joplin in inine side," but she hid it behind the "outrageous behavior" for which she became known, first in Port Arthur. the highly influential 'mythic then at the University of Texas trashy broad." and the onset bury and San Francisco, then She does so without squeez- hers for a few moments. She

do it was to become famous: Making it was one way to get back at all those people who had sneered at her for so and, though for a couple of long. In the age of the angry years she was rock music's young man, Janis was an preeminent diva, left few angry young woman. There traces: a handful of record- was an assaultive quality to ings, only a few tracks of her. In her Austin months, which still withstand critical Janis was pushing hard, pernention, most of those on her fecting what she would later album. "Pearl." Al- call living on the outer limits though she was smart and of probability.' There were sensitive, she lived a thor- the barroom brawls, the close oughly self-destructive exist- calls on the road, the endless ence, so her story is far more boozing and the experimentsome abstract commitment to adventuresomeness.

wanted to be good, the rebel overwhelm her narrative, who wanted to "be a beat-there was so much of it that nik and get stoned, get laid, any responsible biographer have a good time, "yet who plaintively asked "Why there are times when "Scars can't I be the kind of person of Sweet Paradise" verges on who wants the house with the the sordid, as did Joplin herhite picket fence?" self. The greater problem. She grew up in a dreary with which Echols contends Texas city. Port Arthur, the successfully, is that Joplin's child of a fairly traditional music can get lost in all that family that had fairly tradicarousing. Yet it is her music

a young child she seemed to as she attracts nearly three decades after her death. but when she hit high school she veered wildly off course. folk, blues and jazz, and she remained true to them throughout her life. Her idol and exemplar was the great black blues singer Bessie like other white youths in the

cautionary than exemplary. ations with drugs and sex. It late 1950s and early 1960s But it has much to tell us was high-risk living and it she was drawn to black music about the turbulent period in wasn't simply the result of and culture, finding it more Even though Echols does that was most white pop mucame from a familiar mold: not permit her accounts of sic of the time. She tried hard She was the bad girl who Joplin's riotous behavior to to absorb the black style and

> sicians of the day.
> "When I sing," she said
> once, "I feel, oh, well, like physical experience."

Smith. Though she grew up in eternal bliss but deterioration a rigidly segregated place, and death.

honest and expressive than the "mass-produced dreck" succeeded impressively, as indicated by praise of her blues singing from some of the most respected black mu-

when you're first in love. I feel chills, weird feelings slipping all over my body, it's a supreme emotional and 'Pearl,'' her final triumph,

was achieved only after her death, which may or may not have been suicide. That death, as Echols says, "revealed an unwelcome truth: the fun had turned lethal. The fruits of drug addiction were not flower power and

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# By Jon Pareles

YORK Three Russian guitarists, the Kolpa-kov Trio, struck up a bouncy, slightly mournful gypsy rune. Kalyi Jag, a Hungarian group, joined in, strum-ming guitars and tapping on a

milk can, playing a variant of the tune that came through their own tradition. Taraf de Haidouks, from Romania chimed in with the hammered strings of a cimbalom and stuttering, breakneck lines from its accordionist. Grins began to flash be-

tween the musicians. Yuri Yunakov, a Bulgarian saxophonist, took up the melody, zigzagging all around it, while the percussionists in Musafir, a group from Rajasthan, India, started to double time the beat with wooden clappers and a hand drum. A flamenco dancer, Antonio El Pipa, stepped forward, his back arched like a drawn bow as his heels clattered cross-rhythms.

It was, in its way, a family reunion. The musicians and dancers were about to start touring together as the Gypsy Caravan, a sextuple bill, produced by the World Music Institute. They were rehearsing a potential grand finale, bending history and musicology a little bit to make a point: that the Gypsy heritage stretches all the way from India to Andalusia.

It is a musical diaspora that has survived poverty and persecution while transforming, and being transformed by, every culture it has touched. "We can all speak together." said Gusztav Varga, the leader of the Hungarian band Kalyi lag (which means Black Fire).
"We have one language. The story of Gypsy music

is one of flexibility backed by hidden tenacity. Lately, the itinerary has been documented in films like "Latcho Drom" and on albums like "The Gypsy Road" (Alula), which has selections from five of the six bands on the Gypsy Caravan tour.

The Roma, as gypsies call themselves, began to spread across Europe from northwestern India in the 11th cen-

## Hitting the Road With Gypsy Song and Dance tury. (The word Gypsy comes faces to the outside world and the wider public, is the music from the mistaken idea that the their own communities. They and dance they perform for

Roma originated in Egypt.) They were not welcomed. The Roma were distrusted, exploited, scapegoated, sometimes enslaved, as the familiar Gypsy stereotypes grew. They were shunned and marginalized; they were also pressured to assimilate.

Roma learned to live between

own traditions.

so-called Gypsy music and tinues to extend his music. Like other minorities, the simply adds Rom touches to a local folk and pop repertory. cultures: to present different. The other, rarely revealed to learn."

picked up the language and one another, and the Gypsy musical styles where they Caravan tour is intended to settled yet held on to their present the purer Rom styles.

wn traditions. Carrying on the age-old Most of the musicians in the tradition of Rom musicians. Gypsy Caravan play at least who have kept their ears open two repertories. One is for all the way along their 1.000listeners who expect to hear year itinerary, Yunakov con-

"On every road," he said, you find something new to



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# Challenger Claims Lead In Germany

Mannesmann Shakes Up Europe's Phone Market

> By John Schmid International Herald Tribune

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FRANKFURT — The transformation of Mannesmann AG from a heavy-industry conglomerate into a leading telecommunications company is beginning

to pay big dividends.
Fresh from its latest acquisition, Mannesmann declared Tuesday that it was now the "uncontested No. 1" in Germany's huge telecommunications marginalized the communications marginalized the communications marginalized the communications of the communications ket, behind the former monopoly Deutsche Telekom AG.

Mannesmann announced its takeover of rival o.tel.o Communications GmbH late last week, just as German businesses were shutting down for Easter. On Tuesday, the first day after the holiday weekend, the company moved quickly to is-sue a prediction of how rapidly it could expand with the newly acquired fixedline network.

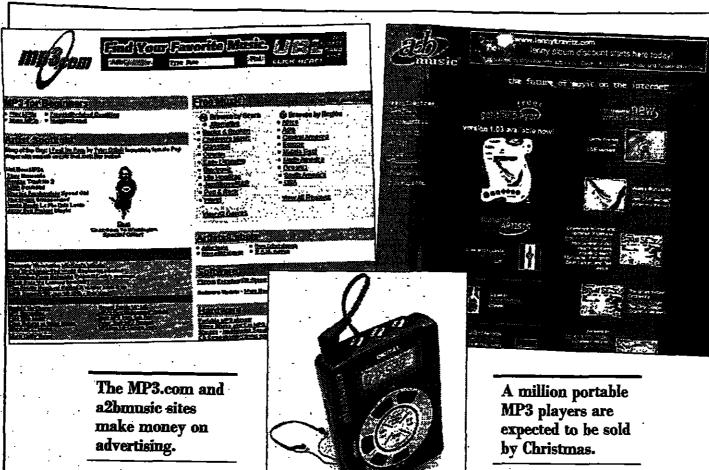
'We have laid an important foundation for overproportional growth," said Harald Stoeber, chief executive of Mannesmann's Arcor fixed-line telecoms unit. Arcor agreed Thursday to pay the utility companies RWE AG and VEBA AG 2.25 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.25 billion) for o.tel.o's operations and customers.

Sales this year for Mannesmann's fixed-line operations should rise to 'over 3 billion marks'' with the addition of o.tel.o, Mr. Stoeber said. The Arcor network booked sales last year of 1.84

In its evolution away from heavy in-dustry, Dusseldorf-based Mannesmann has already overtaken incumbent. Telekom as Germany's biggest cellular-phone service operator. The o.tel.o acquisition amounts to a major coup in Europe's biggest and most fiercely contested telecoms market, analysts said.

The o.tel.o deal shows that the company, once best known for its steel operations, is both agile and aggressive in its bid to become one of Europe's leading telecoms providers, said Hartmut

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## The Downloading of Music Goes Mainstream

With 'Moonlight Sonata' Free on the Internet, Who Is Going to Buy a Recording?

By Neil Strauss New York Times Service

EW YORK — Late last year, Glen Richards, a 37-year-old former computer programmer on disability. decided to make his extensive collection of 78-rpm jazz records from the 1920s available on line at no cost to other enthusiasts. He created a Web site and began converting his records into computer files using a method of digital compression known as MP3, which allows music to be sent quickly and freely over the Internet.
Mr. Richards knew that listening to music via

MP3 files was popular with college students. much to the consternation of the recording industry. But he was unsure whether anyone else had the computer power and interest in downloading MP3 files of obscure jazz tunes.

Half a year later, about 4,000 people had visited his small Web site. Visitors from as far away as Yugoslavia, Croatia, Peru, Israel, Turkey, Malaysia and New Zealand were downloading music, among them an office worker looking for music for his mother and a well-known animator in his 80s who lives in the Czech Republic. As for the legality of it all, Mr. Richards conceded, "It's definitely a gray

For the music business, the message is clear: Downloading music from the Internet is moving off of college campuses and into the general population, into offices and, in some

Six months ago the typical MP3 user was perceived as an insomniac college hacker. Not

'MP3 has incredibly quickly evolved into a

chael Robinson, the chief executive officer of MP3.com, which offers free songs for download from 7,000 bands without recording con-

A few weeks ago, to wide surprise, the most popular file to be downloaded from MP3.com was a classical music composition, Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," performed by Richard Morris, a pianist from Cincinnati.

The piece has been downloaded from the site almost 100,000 times in the last month mostly from Internet addresses in corporate offices and government organizations, according to the music's producer, Mike Wathen. A classical album is considered a substantial success if it sells 70,000 copies.

For recording companies, the embrace of MPS is happening too fast and too soon. The

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## Liberty to Buy News Corp. Stake Sports Venture Goes to Murdoch

NEW YORK — Liberty Media Group, the cable-TV programming company run by John Malone, will acquire an 8 percent stake in News Corp. for about \$2.1 billion, the companies said Tuesday.

Liberty will swap its half interest in the Fox/Liberty Networks sports venture for \$1.43 billion of nonvoting News Corp. American depositary receipts. Separately, Liberty will buy half of MCI WorldCom Inc.'s 5 percent stake in News Corp. for about \$700 million in cash.

The deal will give Rupert Murdoch, News Corp.'s chairman, full control of the Fox/Liberty venture and enable him to expand News Corp.'s sports and entertainment empire, which includes the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team and tele-vision rights to National Football League games.

Fox/Liberty owns nine regional sports cable networks and has stakes in about 15 others, reaching about 62 million homes. It also owns the FX entertainment channel, which reaches more than 39 million homes, and the Outdoor Life and Speedvision cable networks. In addition, it owns 40 percent of Cablevision Systems Corp.'s sports business, which includes the New York Rangers and Knicks and Madison Square

The complicated transactions will give Liberty, a unit of AT&T Corp., the largest stake in News Corp. after Mr. Murdoch's family. The moves also are a strong endorsement by Mr. Malone, a cable pioneer whose investments have made a fortune for Liberty shareholders.

To have the seal of approval or imprimatur of John Malone and Liberty is a wonderful thing for us," Mr. Murdoch said in a telephone interview from Australia

In Sydney, News Corp.'s shares rose 1.30 Australian dollars (82 U.S. cents), or 12 percent, to close at 13.08

News Corp.'s ADRs have risen 18 percent in the past year, matching the growth of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, but they lag the 35 percent growth of the S&P entertainment index. The ADRs, which rose 16 percent in about a week on anticipation of the announcement, closed in New York at \$34, up 12.5 cents. Liberty shares, which have risen 65 percent in the past 12 months, gained \$3.75 to close at \$59.625.

MCI WorldCom fell \$2.875 to end at \$89.625.

"This is a great transaction," said Mark Greenberg, fund manager of the Invesco Leisure Fund, which owns shares in

both companies. He said he owned Liberty stock because Mr. Malone "has made a lot of money for investors."

Liberty will buy 28.1 million News Corp. ADRs held by MCI WorldCom, which is exercising warrants it has held since 1995 on 56.2 million nonvoting News Corp. ADRs.

First. News Corp. will acquire MCI's entire holding for \$1.39 billion and then resell half to Liberty. About 8 million of

MCI WorldCom's remaining News Corp. ADRs will be bought by Prince Walid bin Talal of Saudi Arabia, adding to his 5 percent stake in News Corp.

Liberty will get 51.8 million News Corp. ADRs in the Fox/Liberty swap and has agreed not to sell them for at least two years. The transactions will slightly dilute News Corp.

shares, resulting in a net increase in the number of News Corp. ADRs of 31.8 million.

## Resilient Brazilians Outwit Recession

As Economy Shows Signs of Recovery, Imaginative Solutions Flourish

By Simon Romero New York Times Service

SAO PAULO - When the price of imported wheat rose more than 50 percent earlier this year, Lawrence Pih, the head of Brazil's largest flour-milling

company, anticipated the worst.
We expected many of our clients to go bankrupt, so we prepared ourselves legally to get anything we could from them, like machinery, said Mr. Pih, the president of Moinho Pacifico, which caters to companies ranging from corner bakeries to large food processors.

To his surprise, clients have shown unexpected willingness and creativity to negotiate ways out of such outcomes. In March, Mr. Pih, a naturalized Brazilian from Shanghai, took legal action to recoup losses against only seven insolvent bakeries, fewer than he had

Brazil has had far fewer bankruptcies and business closures than analysts anticipated, even as the country struggles with its deepest recession since the early 1990s. In Sao Paulo, the nerve center of the economy, there were 1,035 courtordered requests in March to close companies, up only slightly from 982 in the same month last year. In March 1996, the number had totaled a record

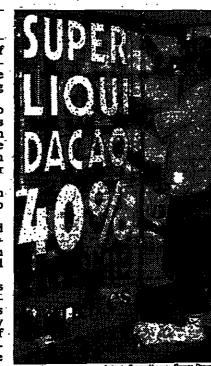
These figures, combined with other data on inflation, foreign trade and industrial production, produce a picture of the Brazilian economy a lot less bleak than that painted by economists a month ago, when the country was ostracized after the chaotic devaluation of the cur-

rency, the real. Now, instead of cautioning investors about the possibility of a domestic debt default, economists are working to convince people that a recovery could be swifter and stronger than initially

For instance, Alexandre Azara, an

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economist at Banco BBA Creditanstalt, said that after shrinking at a 3 percent rate in the first quarter compared with the last quarter of 1998, the gross do-mestic product should grow by half a percent in the second quarter and by as much as 2 percent in the fourth quarter of

As predictions of a return to hyperinflation and of an exchange rate spinning out of control have given way to slower price increases and a strengthening real, Brazilian stock and bond markets have responded with rallies

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over the last several weeks unmatched by markets anywhere else. Explanations vary for this turnaround.

Emilio Alfieri, the economist for the Sao Paulo Commercial Association, said that many companies, resilient after a history of recessions, are wary of taking on risky

"Unlike the Southeast Asians, we're used to repeated, tranmatic recessions and high interest rates," Mr. Alfieri said. 'Surviving these crises has resulted in Darwinian selection."

Another perspective on why Brazilian companies have survived this latest bout with a rough economy may have to do with what is known in Portuguese as the jeito, the ability of Brazilians to find clever solutions to legal, bureaucratic or financial quagmires.

"The jeito provides more space for negotiating," said Roberto da Matta, an anthropologist at the University of Notre Dame who is considered an authority on

Held virtually as a national charac-teristic in Brazil, a country with a large and intricate bureaucracy, the jeito, or its diminutive jeitinho, is now being employed by many companies as their only

Mr. Pih cited the example of a jeito in which his company allows many clients up to 28 days to pay for bread, in effect

ktending an interest-free loan. Smaller, cash-strapped companies can use this to cover immediate expenses while companies in a more comfortable position could invest in high-yield gov ernment bonds.

Mr. Pih's company keeps most of its clients, and thanks to the higher price of wheat, its revenue is expected to increase this year to about 130 million reals (\$76 million), from 100 million reals last year. The brunt of such an operation could

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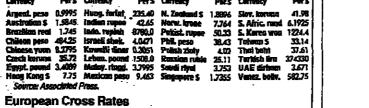
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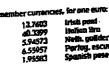
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· Gillette Co.'s shares fell in early trading after a first-half profit warning from the company, which blamed weak sales in Latin America and in its line of Braun appliances.

•BP Amoco PLC paid \$45 million to buy control of the solar-energy business Solarex from Enron Corp., its former partner in the joint venture. MCI WorldCom Inc. was reported to be negotiating to buy

the wireless phone company Nextel Communications Inc. •Republic Industries Inc. changed its name to AutoNation Inc. to reflect its focus on selling and renting cars and trucks.

## **U.S. Leading Indicators Rise**

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A key economic barometer rose for a fifth straight month in February, signaling that the U.S. economy should continue to thrive at least through the summer.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that the index of leading economic indicators rose 0.2 percent in February, in line with economists' expectations.

Four of the 10 indicators that make up the index rose, including consumer expectations. The index is intended to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance. The Conference Board also reported

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## Wal-Mart Pact With Amazon

By Mark Leibovich

The U.S. retail powerhouse Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has agreed to settle a lawsuit against Amazon.com that charged the on-line bookseller with hiring several of its technology workers to illegally acquire trade secrets about Wal-Mart's elaborate computing

The suit, originally filed last October, alleged that Seattlebased Amazon.com had hired a group of former Wal-Mart employees — including Richard Dalzell, Amazon's chief information officer — for the purpose of gaining access to proprietary technology information.
Wal-Mart also sued the on-

line pharmacy Drugstore.com. of which Amazon owns 46 per-cent. and the Silicon Valley venture-capital firm Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers, which is an investor in Amazon. Mr. Dalzell was also named in the suit individually.

Under the terms of the settlement, Amazon.com must re-assign former Wal-Mart technology officials to jobs that do not parallel the ones they held at Wal-Mart. The agreement includes no cash payment and no admission of guilt by

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks were mixed Tuesday as Gillette led consumer-product companies lower after the world's largest maker of

in Latin America. Some technology shares rose, gainers on the New York Stock Ex-

points. The broader Standard & product companies, fell 1 percent

Consumer Shares Weigh on Market Poor's index of 500 stocks lost 3.23 points to 1,317.89, while the Nasdaq

edged up 3.10 points to close at 2.563.16.

razors said earnings would not meet expectations because of slow sales

however, lifting the Nasdaq composite index.

Consumer stocks such as Gillette and Coca-Cola have been falling because of the weakness in economies outside the United States, said

Declining stocks outnumbered

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change by a 3-to-2 ratio. Gillette slumped 7 13/16 to 49 15/16 after it said its first-quarter profit would be a penny a share less than analysts had predicted. Coke, which gets two-thirds of its sales Mark Tincher of the PaineWebber Growth and Income Fund. "You saw the same thing out of Coke."

Mind gets two-tinus of its sates and three-quarters of its profit abroad, lost 11/16 to 59 13/16. Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing, when it warned recently that sales were slowing in Latin America, Russia and Asia, he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 9,963.49, down 43.84

The beatles Consumer Index, which groups shares of 30 U.S. consumer groups shares of 3

Some technology shares rose. Sun Microsystems soared 10% to 140% after the maker of computers that run Internet sites unveiled products that work with a rival operating system from that of Microsoft.

Intel rose 2 15/16 to 130 7/16 after an analyst at Lehman Brothers said the semiconductor industry's recovery from its worst recession ever was picking up steam.

U.S. bonds rose for the second time in three days on hopes that the cease-fire declared in Kosovo by Yugoslavia — and dismissed by NATO — would soon take hold. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 31/32 to 96 2/32; pushing the yield down to 5.52 percent from 5.59 percent.

"The proposed ending of hos-tilities would make people feel berter" said James Tesone of Carret & (Bloomberg. AP)

## Offer of Cease-Fire Helps Euro Rebound

and unilateral cease-fire in Kosovo, even though the truce offer was immediately rejected by NATO.

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NEW YORK — The euro gained against the dollar Tuesday after Yugoslavia declared a temporary and unilateral cease fire in Variance of the street of the stree 121.850 yen as Japanese exporters francs.

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hope that we might get an agreement that would stop the bombing," said Rainer Guidon, manager of foreign exchange at Erste Bank.

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The pound fell to \$1.5925 from \$1,6000. But the dollar eased to 1.4735 Swiss francs from 1.4765

England's central bank already has lowered its benchmark interest rate by two percentage points since "This gives the market a bit of took advantage of the dollar's last October, producing some signs

lower interest rates when they met rate further after its two-day meeting concludes Thursday.

## Ford Sales In U.S. Rise Strongly

DETROIT - Ford Motor Co. said Tuesday that U.S. sales of North American-built vehicles rose 14 percent in March, beating expectations as consumer confidence and low inflation helped it set a record for truck sales.

Sales of sport-utility vehicles, pickup trucks and minivans rose 19 percent, to 249,812, from a year earlier, led by a 67 percent increase for the Ranger compact pickup. Sales of domestic cars rose 6.1 percent. Total Ford sales, including imported models and heavy

trucks, rose 13 percent, to 399,908, a record for March.
"Ford is able to find ways to break bottlenecks to meet de-mand for light trucks," said David Garrity, auto analyst with GVA Research LLC. Ford's sales were expected to rise 10 percent.

If General Motors Corp.'s March sales meet the expected 2 percent gain when it reports Wednesday, annual sales for the industry would approach a blistering rate of 17 million vehicles for the third time in four months. Last week Daimler-Chrysler AG and Toyota Motor Corp. reported record firstquarter sales in the United

## MUSIC: Downloading From the Internet Goes Mainstream, Posing a Risk to Recording Industry

rapid acceptance of listening to music as MP3 files, which are almost CD quality, instead of CDs has caught them

unprepared. Anyone with a decent internet connection can easily download, for free and within minutes, software to play MP3 files, programs to convert songs from CDs into MP3 files and the music itself. which is mostly free and easy to find on line. Industry analysts expect that a million portable Internet music play-

ers will be sold by Christmas. In cases where it can cite copyright infringement, the recording industry is counter-

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And, of course, behind every unauthorized download there are a few pennies in ing Industry Association of missed royalties for songwriters and record labels. Advocates of downloading

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going to destroy the music distribution system that's so entrenched in the United States. The fear is not about piracy: its about somebody like me. I spent \$7,000 on that CD, and I can get around all their mechanisms."

## REAL: Brazil's Tough Survivors

Continued from Page 11

fall on the government, which has to pay high interest on the notes purchased by some of Mr. Pih's savvy clients. A larger debt load, in turn, fuels concern over the growth of the budget deficit. The failure to cut spending at the end of 1997 was cited by critics of the government as a leading reason for the attack by speculators on the real, which culminated in the January devaluation.

Since then, the government has been forced to renegotiate with the International Monetary Fund to obtain new loans of \$9.8 billion to help strengthen the country's finances.

Whether Brazil can make progress in narrowing its budget

deficit will be watched closely. Even government officials have expressed some surprise at the improving economic signals, while cautiously warning that ahead in trimming spending.

However, the impact of the currency devaluation has worried economists, with some expecting the deficit, including interest payments, to reach more than 13 percent of gross domestic product in January and perhaps 14 percent in February and March, compared with 8 percent at the end of

■ Central Bank Cuts Benchmark Lending Rate

Brazil cut interest rates Monday for the second time in two weeks, as lower-than-expected inflation allowed the central bank to ease borrowing costs to pull the economy out of recession, Bloomberg News reported.

The central bank cut the benchmark overnight lending rate to 39.5 percent a year from 42 percent. The new rate, effective on Tuesday, was also made possible as capital flows have stabilized, economists said.

Brazilian companies and consumers have cut new spending to a minimum in recent months as the central bank raised borrowing costs to squeeze demand. The lowering of rates could encourage some spending.

Brazil also needs to cut rates sharply to help ease borrowing costs for companies and to reduce government debt payments, now estimated at about 6 billion reals a month.

More rate cuts are expected soon by many economists. 'Real interest rates remain at around 25 percent even after the cut, in our view higher than they need to be," said Adam 😽

Weiner, an emerging market strategist at ING Barings.

Odair Abate, an economist at Lloyds Bank PLC, said that he expected the central bank to cut rates further, to 36 percent or 37 percent, at its next regularly scheduled monetary policy council meeting on April 14.

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# Palestinian Authority Plans Sovereign Debt Issue

New York Times Service

RAMALLAH, West Bank -

Entering the so-called sovereign debt markets would represent a breakthrough for the Palestinian Authority, which has been unable to he declined to identify, were preraise money on the markets with its ambiguous status as a semiautonomous territory controlled to identify, were prepared to provide backing for Palas the Brady bonds from Brazil and estimian bonds that would be sold in Mexico, which carried repayment militarily by Istael.

The finance official, Mohammed Palestinian Authority expected to pay most of its bills with tax revenue, including income from offi- be issued as soon as June, he said.

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Ernest, an analyst at Caboto SIM in

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Mr. Nashashibi said in an inter-

Palestinian bonds, according to the state payroll this year, property or financial assets, cannot jump in the state payroll this year, provide collateral for a commer-

cially viable bond issue on its own. There is some precedent for seview that some governments, which curities from poor nations being European markets. He said he was guarantees from the U.S. Treasury. negotiating the size and pricing of a But these were still bonds issued by bond issue with major investment independent states, with their own Nashashibi, said Monday that the banks that were prepared to serve as national assets and formal standing underwriters. The bonds, to be de- in the World Bank and the Inter-

The Palestinians face several

unreported in previous budgets, Mr. tinian region are met largely from getting a credit rating and ironing Nashashibi spoke as he submitted sales taxes and customs levies col- out the legal complications of a The Palestinian Authority hopes to council here. But a projected 10 Palestinian Treasury under an analyst in London, who requested cover part of a \$150 million badget. deficit this year by selling the first not keeping up with a 25 percent no uncontested claim on sovereign lems were overcome, there might be no uncontested claim on sovereign lems were overcome, there might be percent increase in tax revenue is agreement. But the authority, with anonymity, said that if these proba group of Middle Eastern investors interested in buying such an issue, despite the risks involved.

He noted that Lebanon had sold small Eurobond issues at more favorable interest rates than many Latin American countries because a large number of Lebanese and other Middle East expatriates were willing to buy such debt securities.

Palestinian critics, meanwhile, have demanded a public accounting of revenue from state agencies with exclusive rights to import and distribute fuel and other goods.

## Olivetti Sets Goal PHONE: Ambitious Mannesmann Sends a Wake-Up Call

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Plettenberg, spokesman for the IVREA, Italy — Olivetti SpA said Tuesday it would accept no less than 35 percent of Telecom Italia

Mannesmann group.
In one stroke, Mannesmann eliminated one of its biggest rivals and SpA's shares as part of its \$65 billion expanded its own network and customer base. It also prevented com-Olivetti also said its offer was petitors from buying o.tel.o, even as RWE and VEBA were in talks with conditional on Telecom Italia shareholders rejecting management protwo other companies about a posposals to convert nonvoting savings sible sale. shares into common stock and to

"For competition in the German telecommunications market, this takeover is devastating," the business daily Handelsblatt commented in an editorial. "It is already clear now that Arcor has established an unrecoverable advantage over its rivals." Even after the o tello expansion, Mannesmann remains on an "expansion course," Mr.

Plettenberg said. Mannesmann is positioned to become the surprise victor if Olivetti SpA succeeds in its unsolicited \$60 billion bid to acquire Telecom Italia SpA, as Olivetti is prepared to sell

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its, existing. Italian operations to With Olivetti's business, it would Mannesmann for 14.9 billion DM to become one of the most powerful finance the deal. The German newcomer would acquire all of Infostrade SpA, Italy's secondbiggest fixed-network operator behind Telecom Italia, and a 55 percent stake of Omnitel Pronto Italia SpA, Italy's second-biggest wire-

less-phone group.

Analysts predicted that Mannesmann's aggressiveness would trigger a wave of mergers and consolidations in Germany's telecoms market.

'Fifteen months after the market liberalization, a telephone duopoly of Telekom and Mannesmann has crystalized," Handelsblatt commented. "The many smaller rivals must now react: more mergers are coming."

"Consolidation has just started," said Joeri Sels, telecoms industry analyst at Bank Julius Baer (Deutschland) AG in Frankfurt.

The o.tel.o deal adds connections to networks in Belgium, Britain, Denmark and Switzerland to Arcor's would save money on future inlinks to Austria, France and Italy. frastructure investment

become one of the most powerful phone companies in Europe, analysts said, in the same league as British Telecom PLC and AT&T Corp., which also are forging a joint pan-European telecoms business.

Mannesmann Arcor acquires o.tel.o's switching equipment and brand name, which it will keep separate. It also wins o.tel.o's 1,000 large business customers, which include Dresdner Bank AG, as well as 'several thousand medium-sized firms," Mr. Stoeber said. In addition, it ends up with o tello's Internet service provider, germany.net. Nevertheless, Mr. Sels at Bank

Julius Baer said the deal suffered from overlapping networks in the German market. 'A big reason for the purchase

was to prevent someone else from buying it," he said. Mr. Stoeber, defending the cost of

the takeover, said that Mannesmann

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## **Takeover** Of SocGen Is Rejected

PARIS - Societe Generale SA said Tuesday its supervisorv board had voted to reject a \$19.2 billion hostile takeover bid from Banque Nationale de Paris SA, although one member of the board dissented.

Meanwhile, a response was expected late in the day from Paribas SA to a \$19.7 billion takeover bid from BNP.

BNP said Claude Bebear, chairman of the French insurer AXA, who also sits on Paribas's board, had voted to accept BNP's offer. The project proposed by BNP "presents major risks in its execution for share-holders." Societe Generale said in a statement.

BNP's separate share-swap bids for the two banks, which would create the only bank in the world with \$1 trillion in assets, came in the middle of an agreed \$19 billion bid for Paribas by Societe Generale, which is also a share swap.

Analysts and investors polled by Bloomberg News had expected Societe Generale to reject the bid, though three-quarters of those polled said they though negotiations could be possible at a later date.

The announcement came after the close of stock-market trading. BNP shares fell 1.70 euros, or 2.1 percent, to 78.30 euros (\$84.56), while Societe Generale shares rose 2.00 euros, or 1.1 percent, to 180.40 euros, and Paribas shares fell 0.50 euro, or 0.5 percent, to 103.40 euros.

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#### Very briefly:

• Salomon Smith Barney Inc. raised its 1999 earnings growth estimate for euro zone companies to 7 percent from 4 percent three months ago. Prospects have improved because of a weaker euro, a stronger U.S. economy and rising oil prices. Austria's unemployment rate fell to 4.3 percent in March from 4.4 percent in February amid rising employment in the building industry and strong employment in tourism.

 Ceneupac SA, a Luxembourg-registered company set up by the U.S. investment funds Argus Funds and Croesus Central European Advisers Ltd., offered to buy Cofinec NV, a packaging company based in Budapest, a week after Hungary's capital markets watchdog halted trading in Cofinec stock and began investigating suspected insider trading.

• Premier Oil PLC of Britain has pulled out of a multimilliondollar deal to develop Iran's offshore Balal oil field because of financing problems, an industry source said.

•Spain's unemployment rate in March fell to its lowest since December 1981, helped by an increase in permanent job contracts. The jobless rate fell to 10.78 percent from 10.94 percent in February.

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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By Allan Sloan EW YORK - We have

had a Depression Generation and a World War II Generation. Think of today's investors as the Bull Market

The longest postwar raily on Wall Street - which began Aug. 12. 1982, with the Dow Jones industrial average at 776.92 points, and has iust seen the 30-stock index crash through 10.000 — has been a formative event, if not the formative event, for most investors under 40.

Before 1982, stock investing was almost an exotic art, restricted to a relative handful of sophisticates and risk-takers. Now it is commonplace. Back then, people relied mostly on corporate pensions and Social Security to finance their retirement. Now people rely heavily on retirement plans they manage themselves. and Social Security is in such trouble that politicians are thinking of trying a result. America's best and bright-to use the stock market to bail it out. est settle for relatively low salaries. Standard & Poor's 500 have set re-

about \$13 trillion these days, up from about \$1 trillion in 1982, according to Wilshire Associates Inc. have made far more in stock-option The increase — call it \$12 trillion — profits, realized and unrealized, than works out to more than \$40,000 for Microsoft has paid them in salary. every man, woman and child in the So not only has Microsoft helped United States, Granted, the

wealth is not spread evenly. with a relative handful of high-income types owning wealth sloshing around, courtesy of the market, is astounding. Higher-than-expected tax revenue

from people cashing in their market gains have allowed states to balance their budgets and let the federal govemment claim to be running a budget surplus for the first time in 30 years.

Much of the high-tech boom is due to the stock market, and much of the market boom is due to high-tech companies. Here is how it works: At are a common form of payment. As

At Microsoft Corp., employees

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most of it. And some U.S. stocks are power the stock market, but the marowned by non-Americans. But the ket has helped power Microsoft by acting as its best recruiting tool. The higher stock prices climb, the more eager people are to work for options rather than cash salaries.

Stocks have so permeated American society that permanent doubledigit investment returns are taken as a given and thousands of people are abandoning traditional careers to set themselves up as day traders.

You have to wonder when the music will stop. This market is high-tech companies, stock options priced very high by traditional valuation standards and is starting to feel very fragile. While the Dow and the

the S&P, a far bigger sample than the to a mere two dozen or so issues.

blighted. American stocks were an entirely different lesson. well below their mid-1960s prices.

bonds yielded about 13 percent, compared with about 5.5 percent now; the prime lending rate of banks was 14.5 percent double the level today; the interest rate on mortgages was 16 percent — if you could get one.

Just as most people then expected bad times to continue indefinitely. people now expect good times to

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When the bull market started, when the bull market started, when the Dow first pessimism permeated the United crossed 1,000 (it closed at 995).
States. Japan. which has through Dec. 17, 1982, when it been in the dumper for a broke 1.000 permanently, the Dow decade now, was the hot market its industries and horrific dives along the way. This stock market were thriving; the period lasted about as long as the United States seemed permanently current bull market has and taught

Now people know - or think American interest rates were in double digits — 10-year Treasury In the 60s. 70s and early 80s, the lesson was that stocks went down or. if you were lucky, sideways.

Nothing good — or bad — lasts forever. Even as we celebrate Dow 10,000, let us remember that markets really go down sometimes and stay down for years. And let us also remember, when we hear talk that this boom, unlike others, will go on continue indefinitely. Stocks have forever, that the four words most risen so fast for so long — up almost dangerous to your wealth are, "This 1.200 percent in the 16-plus years of time it's different."

# Western Investors Raise Funds for 'Distressed' Asian Firms

HONG KONG - Chase Asia Equity Partners, a unit of Chase Manhattan Corp., and six other international money managers are answering Asia's distress call.

Chase is raising \$750 million for its new Asian Opportunity Investment Fund, the second-biggest of its kind. American International Group Inc. has already established a \$1 billion fund to buy stakes in ailing Asian firms, according to Asia Pa-cific Private Equity Bulletin, a Hong Kong-based newsletter that tracks

direct investments. The trend is one of the biggest efforts yet to meet the needs of thousands of Asian businesses caught in the throes of insolvency. Buried by debt, companies in South Korea. Thailand, Hong Kong and almost every other Asian nation are sacrificing autonomy for cash and exprising autonomy for cash and

pertise needed to survive.

"There's an increasing attraction to investing in this manner in Asia." said Desmond Supple, the Singapore-based head of Asian research at Barclays Capital. Private equity investing is "more hands-on" than er. Three new funds are being set up buying securities, as investors buy-ing directly into a company typ-most \$1 billion into distressed Asian

ically get more control. And it is potentially more lucra-

tive. Mr. Supple said. Last year, about \$2 billion, or 30 for Asian private equity investments, was earmarked for "distressed situations" - companies left with little choice but to sell stakes to new investors willing to payments or just to stay in busi-

geting distressed companies, according to the Private Equity Bul-

The numbers of recovery funds have ballooned," said Kathleen Ng. the newsletter's editor and publishcorporations, a rate so fast Ms. Ng said it should signal caution.

The mania in distressed situations is similar to the 1994-1995 percent of a total \$6.5 billion raised period when infrastructure funds mushroomed." she said. "The infrastructure euphoria has since dissipated, with no infrastructure fund

established in the past 18 months." By the middle of this month, \$650 shore up their finances to make debt million will have been raised from a pool of \$800 million committed this

inition of a distressed investment.

Many more have said they are planning to follow. Lazard Asia Ltd., a subsidiary of Lazard Freres & Co., said it was doubling its \$250 million principal investment fund. Last month, the firm bought control of Hong Kong's Sing Tao Holdings Ltd., publisher of the city's oldest

Chinese-language newspaper. This type of investor, also known as a "vulture fund." is typically geared to taking a longer-term bet than portfolio managers who buy stocks and bonds. Those who stick with their choices - managers who buy stakes in companies they think can be returned to profitability in about three to five years - often aim for annualized returns of more

than 25 percent. And the demand for private equity still exceeds supply. Mr.

"As it stands, while the funds are growing — month by month, it seems—they're still dwarfed by the needs of the corporate sector."

Of the \$1.5 billion invested in Asian private equity since January 1998, 45 percent will be directly spent helping firms restructure, ac-

cording to Ms. Ng. Included among those transactions are a joint project by the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the International Finance Corp. to buy stakes in distressed Asian companies and the purchase of 28.11 percent of Ssangyong Investment & Securities Co. by a unit of Hambrecht & Quist. the Government of Singapore Investment Corp. and other investors for \$150 million. The latter is one of the largest private equity invest-

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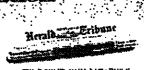
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## ASIA/PACIFIC Is Japan Inc. Reform Real? To Markets, Perhaps

By Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

TOKYO - In the past week, a number of Japanese companies have announced overhauls, including job cutbacks and internal realignments previously considered taboo in corporate Japan, and investors have bloated management hierarchies. quickly bought into these promises.

On April 1 alone, four major Japanese companies — Marubeni Corp., Sogo Co., Taisei Corp. and Hitachi Ltd. — pledged to reform their business practices, following similar announcements by Sony Corp., NEC Corp. and Toshiba Corp.

In the past, investors would have regarded the string of announcements as a bad April Fool's joke. Everyone regarded Japanese promises to restructure balance sheets and streamline operations as little more than lip service to gain a few more months of goodwill until the economy picked up and sales growth erased obvious problems. Restructuring implied job cuts, whether through attrition or by elim-

were socially and politically unpalatable. Therefore, Japanese compaanother kind of mini-bubble is being Tokyo. "These credit guarantees, nies did not risutora, restructure.

Last week alone, however, big corporations slated more than 25,000 jobs for elimination, promised to reconsider their investments in moneylosing businesses and pare their

Kathy Matsui, chief strategist at Goldman Sachs (Japan) Ltd., considers many of the announcements to be genuine plans.

The stock market has marched ahead, largely on the enthusiasm of foreign investors.

There are signs of political will," said Scott Hartz, head of management consulting services at Price Waterhouse Coopers Management Consulting Services. "I feel more encouraged.

But the benchmark Nikkei stock index already has soared past 16,000 yen, the level at which stocks would be fairly priced in anticipation of such returns, according to Ms. Matsui.

Tadashi Nakamae, an economist,

created in the stock market - and we all know what happens to bubbles in the Japanese stock market."

Mr. Nakamae and others, including some government officials, believe that the government is getting in the way of corporate reform as it works to stimulate demand. Sales growth will paper over such problems as excess labor and capacity rather than force companies to address them, they say.

The government is doing everything it can to encourage wary citsued shopping coupons, cut taxes production lines, and increased its loan-guarantee Mr. Chudler si lowered short-term interest rates effectively to nothing, which allows overextended corporate borrowers to maintain that condition rather

than overhaul their balance sheets. The government is trying to stop these restructuring programs whether through attrition or by elim-inating excess capacity, and job cuts said, "The danger is that the gap from being too aggressive," said between perception and reality is Craig Chudler, equity strategist at

the bank bailout, they're all an effort to get companies to survive rather than having them fail and making way for new types of business."

He and others argue that the government is unprepared for the social costs of the unemployment and bankruptcies that would accompany a major overhaul of the corporate sector. Thus, the job cuts that have

caught the eyes of investors are, at a closer glance, often merely promises to restrict employment and enthing it can to encourage wary cit-izens and businesses to spend. It has handful of companies have anbegun large-scale public works, is- nounced plans to close factories or

Mr. Chudler said that despite the program. The Bank of Japan has cost-cutting that has been announced, costs as a percentage of sales would rise again this year, after having posted a record last year.

Investors are buying nonetheless. When Mitsubishi Electric Corp., widely regarded as one of the more conservative companies in Japan. announced plans last week to cut 14,500 jobs in three years, it helped push its stock price up more than 20

Two-thirds of the cuts will be made by shifting workers to affiliates and to universities. In other words, by passing the problem on.

■ A Meeting on Capacity Cuts Representatives of top Japanese

banks and companies met to work have helped set the groundwork for on a government-supported plan to erase excess capacity in thousands of factories. Bloomberg News reported from Tokyo.

The meeting between executives of the Keidanren, or the Federation of Economic Organizations, and the Federation of Bankers Association rates provided the enabling envir- of Japan appears to reflect increas-

## For Nissan, A Pension Gap to Fill

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TOKYO - Nissan Motor Co. said Tuesday it had a shortfall in its pension fund of 580 billion yen (\$4.76 billion) because of international accounting standards the company will adopt in the financial year that starts on April 1, 2000.

Under the new rules, the debtladen automaker, in which the French automaker Renault SA last month agreed to invest \$5.4 billion for a 37 percent stake. will have to subtract the pension shortfall from consolidated pretax profit. said a Nissan spokesman, Masataka Saito.

The shortfall may shrink, however, if the government lets companies transfer stocks and other assets in their investment portfolios to fund such liabilities, Mr. Saito said, Many Japanese pension funds are suf-

fering from falling returns.
Nissan has \$19.9 billion in debi. Renault Japan, a subsidiary of the French automaker, refused to comment on whether it had taken account of Nissan's pension shortfall in assessing how much to pay for its stake.

Separately. Nissan declined to comment on a report by the daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun that it would post a greaterthan-expected parent pretax loss in the year ended March 31 due to falling domestic sales. Nissan's shares closed Tuesday



#### Very briefly:

• Evergreen Group of Taiwan said it would not buy a stake in Japan Airlines Co. from its top shareholder. Eitaro Itoyama. • The United States is one step away from slapping punitive tariffs on stainless steel round wire from Japan and five other countries. The Clinton administration found that those countries illegally price the steel in the United States. Tariffs of as much as 36 percent will be imposed if an independent agency finds that the practices have injured U.S. producers.

 Mitsui Chemicals Inc. will cut 650 jobs and sell assets, and it raised its forecast for pretax profit in the financial year through March 31, 2000, to 62 billion yen (S510 million) up from a forecast of 48 billion yen.

 South Korea's government will begin selling shares in Korea Telecom Co. to foreign investors next month, aiming to raise as

•India will end subsidies to exporters in two years as part of its

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## Malaysia Reaffirms Exchange Controls KUALA LUMPUR — The measures introduced in September cessive speculation. Malaysian government said Tues- 1998 are showing positive results

day it would increase liquidity and lower interest rates to spur economic growth, but would cling tenaic growth, but would cling t

ciously to its selective capital exchange control measures. white paper presented in Parliament by Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the deputy prime minister, to explain the status of the Malaysian economy and its prospects following the mid-

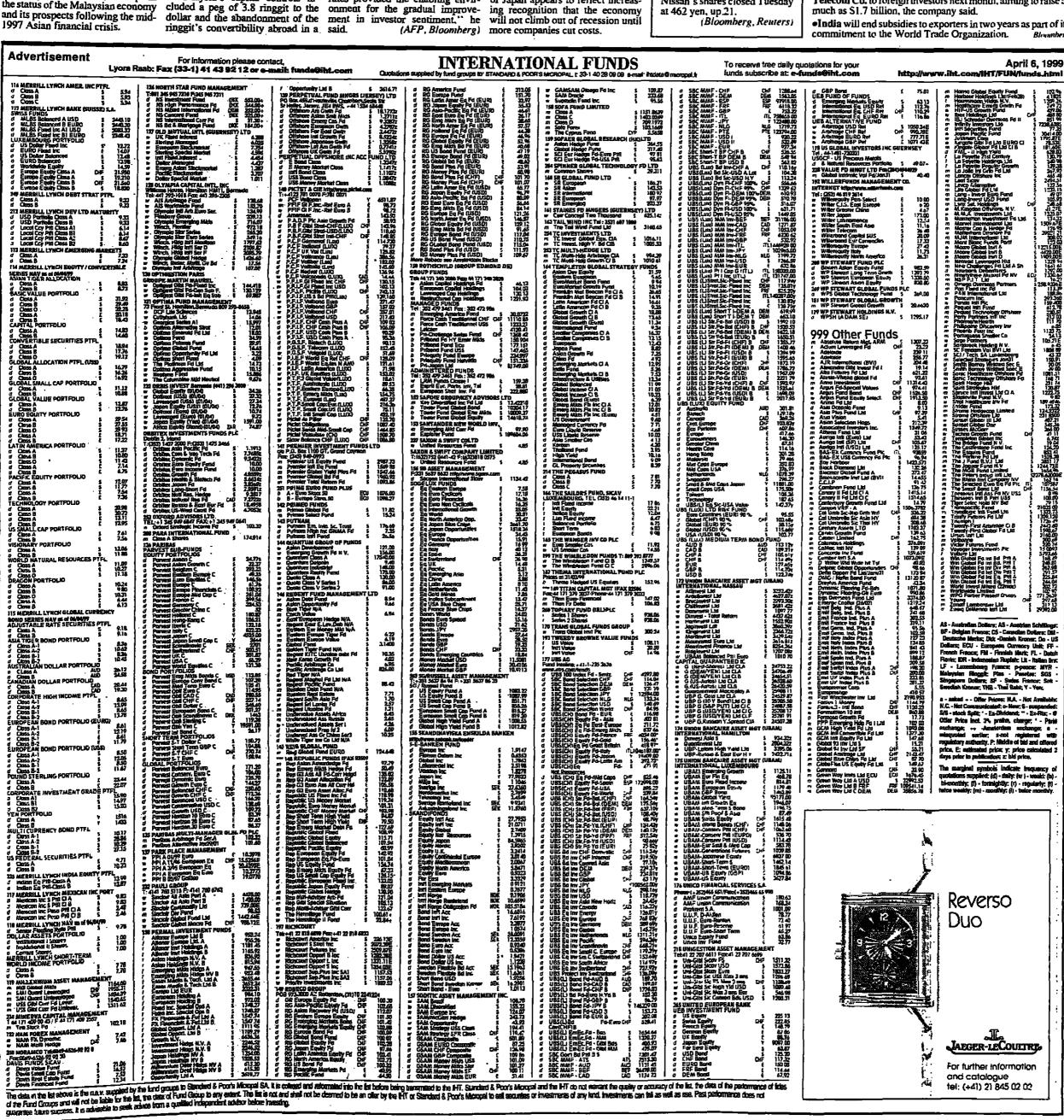
The central bank has forecast a modest growth rate of 1 percent for The policy was outlined in a 1999 after last year's first recession in 13 years sliced 6.7 percent off the

gross domestic product. Malaysia's capital controls in-

Analysts have said the controls

lower interest rates and other efforts toward recovery Mr. Abdullah said domestic con-

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#### Australia Protests

TENNIS Australia will appeal to the International Tennis Federation over the site of its Davis Cup quarterfinal against the United States, Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard said Tuesday, Under cup rules. Australia should host the tie because the last clash between the two nations was in the United States. But before this year's com-petition, the ITF guaranteed the United States a tie in Boston to commemorate the centenary of the first Davis Cup tie.

John Newcombe, Australia's captain, said the team had not protested before because it did not know it would be affected: "We didn't argue our case because we weren't there. (Reuters, AP) (Reuters, AP)

#### Vikings Sign Jeff George

FOOTBALL The Minnesota Vikings said Monday they had reached a contract agreement with Jeff George for a job as backup quarterback. George, who started for Oakland last season, replaces Brad Johnson, who was traded to Washington in February.

#### Canadiens Eliminated

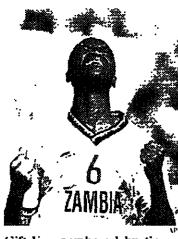
ICE HOCKEY The Montreal Canadiens. 24-time Stanley Cup champions, were eliminated from postseason contention for only the third time since 1940. Boston's Byron Dafoe posted his 10th shutout and his second in a row as the Bruins beat Montreal, 3-0, on

#### Langer Scores Century

**CRICKET** Justin Langer made 127 Tuesday as Australia took command of the fourth and final test against the West Indies in Antigua. Australia was all out for 306 in its second innings and led by 387 in a match it needs to win to square the series. (AFP)

#### U.S. Youths Beat England

**SOCCER** Dan Califf, a defender from the University of Maryland, headed a corner kick into the goal in the 11th minute Monday to give the United States a 1-0 victory over England in Kano. Nigeria, in the World Youth Championship. The United States is tied for the Group E lead with Cameroon, which beat Japan, 2-1, on Monday.



Gift Kampamba celebrating a goal as Zambia beat Honduras, 4-3, in the world youth cup.

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## WORLD ROUNDUP On a Roll, **Duval Looks** To Augusta

World's Dominant Golfer Seeks First Major Title

By Clifton Brown

On the final day of last year's Masters, David Duval appeared on the verge of

He reached the 16th tee holding a three-stroke lead. Even after making a bogey at No. 16. Duval made pars at both No. 17 and No. 18 to stay in the lead.

After he left the 18th green, Duval and several friends were whisked into a private cabin to watch Mark O'Meara and Fred Couples finish. At worst, Duval figured his final-round 67 had secured a playoff spot. But the next few minutes became the most disappointing of his

With birdies at No. 15 and No. 17, O'Meara tied Duval. And as O'Meara stood over his 20-foot birdie attempt at No. 18. Duval sat helplessly on a couch. watching TV as the title slipped away.
"Don't worry, David, nobody makes

that putt." Duval recalled the former Augusta National chairman Jack Stephens as saying before O'Meara struck the ball. O'Meura sank the putt. Duval's heart

After congratulating Duval for his fine play. Stephens left to find O Meara. the new Masters champion. Duval was left trying to grasp what had happened.
"It was a shock, but in a way, it wasn't

a surprise, not with Mark putting," Duval recalled, "How could I be bitter? I shot five under par Sunday at the Masters. That's nothing to scoff at. And I proved to myself that I could handle that

A year later, Duval is ranked No. 1 in the world. On Sunday, he won his fourth event of the year and his second straight star: the BellSouth Classic. He already has won more than \$2.5 million to break the earnings record he set last year.

But when the Masters begins Thursday, Duval, in his quest to win his first major championship, will try to right what went wrong for him last year. The lack of a major title is the one glaring hole in the resumé of the 27-year-old Duval, and he intends to correct that sooner, not later.

'I don't view it as intimidating." he said about trying to win three weeks in a row. "I think it is helpful to win the week before you go somewhere. It makes you realize that what you are doing is right, same circle of friends, a down-to-earth and I know I can do it." The pressure at nature and a giving heart. the Masters is different, but after his year has only poistered the confidence of a player who doesn't need more.

Would I be surprised if 10 years from it now. I still haven't won the Masters?" for that golf course. I would anticipate curate approach shots into Augusta's that before I'm done, I'll get one."

After last year's ending. Duval hardly needs motivation. While O'Meara was at Augusta than he did in 1997, when he basking in victory. Duval left Augusta missed the cut, making a 9 on the par-5 National Golf Club and returned to the No. 15. house he had rented for the week. He was greeted by friends and well-wishers, all Duval said. "I had laid up left, a pretty before long. Duval couldn't take any

But there simply is no consolation."



Herald Eribune

Mark O'Meara, the defending Masters champion, hitting out of a sand trap on the 7th hole at Augusta during a practice round on Monday.

past 18 months, one of the most im-pressive streaks of this decade. In two years, he has changed from being a player knocked for not winning to being a player who people expect to win.

Already. Duval has put together a great year in a little more than three months. In addition to the Players Championship and the BellSouth Classic, he won the Mercedes Championships and the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. In the final round of the Hope, he became only the third player in PGA Tour history to shoot a 59.

Duval's talent is obvious, but his hunger and his ability to focus separate him from the crowd. His game face has become familiar: a stoic demeanor behind emotion. Opponents who are paired with him marvel at his concentration, watching him hit quality shot after quality shot almost expecting batteries to fall out of his back.

Yet, those close to Duval describe him unchanged by success. He has the

Duval's hunger and his ability to focus separate him from the crowd. He has won 11 tournaments in the past 18 months.

"I'd be shocked if success ever impressive string of victories, Duval is changed him." said Puggy Blackmon. David is really impressed by the way the can outrun opponents, the favorite, and that one-stroke loss last who coached Duval at Georgia Tech. Tiger is always, always in contention. "That's what I'm most proud of, not And now, those two guys can really only his success, but how he has handled stoke each other's fires."

> lightning-quick, undulating greens. Daval feels much more comfortable

of them trying to cheer him up. But good place to lay up, with the cup on the front left side. But I dumped the next one into the water. Then I watched Nick a lot of local knowledge you need to happen. But I intend to be ready."

Duval has won 11 times during the have, and I've picked up a tremendous

amount.

With his great power off the tee,
Duval has the advantage of hitting shorter irons into greens than most players. His pinpoint precision with short irons and wedges leaves him with many birdie opportunities. His solid putting stroke holds up under pressure. And his intelligence and course management help him avoid the double-bogeys and triple-

bogeys that ruin rounds.

Duval has as complete a package as anyone in the game, and the final piece was learning how to win on the tour. Duval finished second seven times before his first victory at the 1997 Michelob Championship. During his string of runner-up finishes, people questioned Oakley sunglasses, a player who makes his confidence under pressure. Those plenty of birdies while showing little close to him knew better.

Eastern Europe is due to its relative riches).

Asked to name Duval's biggest strength. Blackmon did not hesitate.

"No weaknesses." said Blackmon, now the men's golf coach at the University of South Carolina. "For a young guy who has been successful, David didn't have instant success. He had some hard knocks along the way, and it seems like he was always overshadowed by somebody.
"In college, it was Phil Mickelson.

on the PGA Tour. Woody Austin won rookie of the year instead of David. Then came all the questions about why he with adrenaline-charged young oppo-O'Meara won player of the year. And of course, there's Tiger Woods. But when

Few players seem more equipped than for himself. despite the growing deasked Duval, repeating a question. Duval to handle Augusta, where the keys mands on him. He took three weeks off Matthaeus is well-rehearsed at doing -Yeah. I might be. I feel I have the game to victory are putting coupled with ac-before the Players Championship to prepare himself for the three-week stretch. which ends with the Masters. He didn't practice Monday, and he may only play one practice round before Thursday.

"It is a fine line I have to walk now." he said Monday. "to make sure I get prepared then also make sure I am rest-

For the past 18 months, Duval has been the best player in the world. But will he be the best player this week? "Don't try to console me." Duval Price play the hole, and he played it way announced to the crowd. "I appreciate it." right of the pin. That's Augusta. There's it." Duval said. "Who knows what will

## 2 Matches Pit Youth Against Experience **Juventus and Bayern Rely on Veterans**

By Rob Hughes

speed and movement, and maybe even

#### EUROPEAN SOCCER

Dynamo Kiev. However, the German is 38, the Ukrainian 22, and the attempt by one to stifle the potency of the other makes their UEFA Champions' League semifinal a tantalizing prospect.

The other match also spans the ages Juventus is known as the Old Lady of soccer and she knows her way home to such an extent that the team has been to the final of the Champions Cup for the past three seasons. Year after year, she shows her age, allowing teams from Norway and from Greece to push her to the precipice of elimination before she outwits them.

Now, with the first leg in England, the Old Lady is under threat from the youthful Manchester United team. The English challenger is the most virile, the most adventurous and the most attackminded team left in the tournament, Will Juventus resist and put this young pup in its place? Or is it time the Old Lady conceded to youth?

These are two fascinating cup pairings. The common denominator is wealth and power (Kiev's prominence in

But experience is the key. If Mat-thaeus is to hold Shevchenko, if Juventus is to suppress the swift eagerness of Dwight Yorke. Andy Cole and David Beckham, they are going to have to employ the wiles that former contests have taught them.

Then David had to spend a year on the and men have to control their emotions. Nike Tour. Then after a great rookie year to channel their gifts without being run off their feet. Matthaeus has dealt hundreds of times

wasn't winning. Even last year, Mark nents. He knows that Shevchenko is fast and predatory. The Ukrainian has scored 15 goals in 25 European games he has Tiger came along, I figured it would be played. Shevchenko has great gifts and the greatest thing for David. I know colleagues who can place the ball where To stand a chance against him, the first

thing an older competitor needs is a sharp affacks a Yet. Duval has made sure to take time anticipate danger so he can get his body into position in advance, or order — as his teammates into the correct position.

Then, of course, the other Kiev movers, notably Sergei Rebrov and Vitali Kossovsky, will begin to sprint to where defenders should have been. This Kiev team also uses its brain. Schooled lectively strong at the back and patient in waiting for the breaks, the Kiev style is Shevchenko bursting like a greyhound from the trap.

tactic. Apart from Methuselah Mat- lost, 4-0, at Sampdoria on March 21.

thaeus, there is Stefan Effenberg, a tough winner when he wants to be, and Carsten Jancker, who is maturing into a ONDON — Lothar Matthaeus is old enough to have fathered Andrei Shevchenko, but on Wedness a must be an area and Giovane Elber, two irreplaceday he must keep up with the Ukrainian's able talents from France and Brazil. were not stricken with injuries.

The encounter in Kiev, and the return Matthaeus is the captain of Bayern Munich, and its last line of defense. He wears No. 10, as Shevchenko does for to hold youth. United and Juventus have met four times in the last three years, and the Italian team has won three times.

"We're not playing a reputation." said Alex Ferguson, the United manager. "We're playing a team." He stressed the word to emphasize that Manchester-knocked out Inter Milan by exposing the lack of cohesion among Inter's arguably greater collection of stars.

Ferguson craves the Champions Cup: It is the crown that made Man Busby, another Scot who managed United, a knight, and is the one title Fergie has yet

to add to his managerial portfolio.

One crucial battle will pit Roy Keane against Edgar Davids in midfield. They are a couple of firebrands who fight, sometimes literally, to win the ball. Another will involve Filippo Inzaghi's gift for floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee, something Jaap Stam will try to control on behalf of United.

N ATTACK, served by David Beckham on the right and Ryan Giggs on grather left. United has the striking paces of Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole, and the darting supporting runs of Paul Scholes.
Though he is only 30, eight years younger than Matthaeus. Dickier Deschamps is Juventus's leader. He is the organizer, as he was for the French World Cup team. He knows how to simplify midfield. how to release Zinedine Zidane (whose knee injury will not keep him out of the semis), and how to soothe and calm or rouse his team.

Between them, Matthaeus and Deschamps have played more than The partisan crowds in Kiev and Manchester will urge their teams toward higher, stronger, swifter attacks. In such a febrile atmosphere, the pace quickens wisdom to find a way for themselves and their teammates to overcome the challenge. It is the game of life.

> Rob Hughes is chief sportswriter for The Times of London.

#### ■ Real Madrid Fines Mijatovic

Real Madrid has fined the Yugoslav striker Predrag Mijatovic 5 million pe-setas (\$32,000) for boycotting a game last Sunday in protest of the NATO gainst his homeland. The As and quick brain. He must see or sense or sociated Press reported from Madrid. .

The club respects and understands Mijatovic's situation, but he cannot refuse to play." said Antonio Mendez, a s team spokesman.

Mijatovic, a Yugoslav, said he felt he had to help his compatriots.

"I respect the sanction but don't agree with it. I'm disappointed." the 30-yearold player said. "I will try to concentrate by the cunning Valeri Lobanovsky, col- for the next game against Celta, but right now I don't guarantee I will play.

 Mircea Lucescu has returned for anto suck the opposition in, and then hit other spell as coach of Rapid Bucharesr, them with counterattacks, with the club said Tuesday, Agence France-Presse reported from Bucharest, Lucescu left Rapid to coach Inter Milan earlier Bayern, of course, is no stranger to the in the season, but resigned after Inter-

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CINCINNATI—Signed WR James Hunder.
to 1-year and OL Brish Defiance to 3-year MIAMI—Signed FB Roosevelt Potts and LB Larry Izzo to 2-year contracts.

MINNESOTA — Agreed to terms with QB Jeff

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om Syrocuse, AHL COLLEGE DELAWARE-Extended contract Srey, morrs basketball coach, until 20

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#### **SPORTS**

# McGwire Gives Crowd Nouth What It Came to See Tience But Cards Lose, 10-8, After Long Rain Delays "He doesn't disappoint the fans too "He doesn't disappoint the fans too

TST. LOUIS — On a rainy night filled with ceremony and anticipation, Mark McGwire showed that his sense of timing is still as perfect as his powerful swing. A packed house waited almost four hours Monday, through four dismal in-

delays, but in the bottom of the fifth inning, McGwire delivered. He turned on a fastball from Milwaukee righthander David Weathers and launched it over the fence in right-center field.

With one swing, he opened a new season just as he had begun a recordsetting 1998 season — with a home run. Last year, he went on to hit 69 more on his way to a record-breaking season.
For a while, it looked as if the 47,806

fans at Busch Stadium wouldn't even see him swing the bat once the game started. After peppering the seats with 13 home runs during batting practice, McGwire was walked by Rafael Roque, the Milwaukee starter, in a first inning that followed a 49-minute rain delay. The two sides played two innings, then

waited out a 68-minute rain delay. McGwire struck out on a nasty slider by Weathers in the bottom of the third inning, but when Weathers left a fastball over the middle of the plate in the fifth, McGwire smoked it to right field. He was greeted at home by his son Matt, who'd been on the field for some of the most memorable moments of last season.

"He doesn't disappoint the fans too often," said Tony La Russa, the Cardinals manager, after his team lost, 10-8, to the Brewers.

McGwire is such a pull hitter that the Brewers positioned three of their four infielders to the left of second base, but McGwire ended up hitting three balls to the right side, including the home run to hours Monday, through four dismai mings of baseball and two long rain right center.

"I'll bet that one shocked America,"

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McGwire said, "I don't think I've done that too often.'

He got another chance in the seventh, but flied to center with two runners on base. He flied to deep right in the ninth. Even though the Cardinals came back to make it close Monday, their pitching hurt them throughout. Both starters struggled in the two innings before the game was delayed again in the top of the

'In September of '96, when we were winning the division, the excitement happened for nine innings every game, La Russa said before the game. September last year, it was only there for four at-bats every game. It was great for Mark and it was great for us.

third inning.

'This year, we want the whole game to be exciting. In other games, The Associated Press

reported: ball's first \$100 million man wasn't worth it in his Los Angeles Dodgers' debut. But Raul Mondesi was right on the money and bailed out Kevin Brown,

who flopped in his marquee matchup with Arizona's Randy Johnson. Mondesi tied the game with a three-runs as Monteal won in Pittsburgh.



Mark McGwire, who hit a record-smashing 70 home runs last year. clouting his first home run of this season in the Cardinals' first game.

run homer with two outs in the ninth. then hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th. Brown allowed five runs and 10 hits in 5¾ innings.

Marins 6, Mots 2 Alex Fernandez, making his first start since shoulder surgery 18 months ago, outpitched former teammate Al Leiter to lead Florida to victory in Miami. Preston Wilson, stepson of Mets coach Mookie Wilson, drove in two runs for Florida.

Expos 9, Pirates 2 Vladimir Guerrero hit a three-run homer and drove in four

The top four of the Expos' order went a combined 10-for-19. The Guerrero brother Wilton had two doubles among his three hits.

took over at third base when Bill Mueller victory in Cincinnati.

Phillies 7, Braves 4 Marlon Anderson drove in the three runs to give Curt Schilling and Philadelphia victory in At-

brothers combined for six hits - older Giants 11, Reds & Charlie Hayes, who

was hurt, hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to lead San Francisco to

## Albert Belle Generates A Slugfest and Love-In

By Thomas Boswell

Washington Post Service ALTIMORE - Albert Belle met Oriole Park at Camden Yards. It was a mismatch. The joint couldn't hold him. You might as well try to keep Moby Dick in a goldfish bowl. With a pair of Orioles on base in the third inning on Opening Day. Monday,

#### Baltimore's new \$65 million free agent VANTAGE POINT

cleanup man bit a popup to the first baseman. Maybe it was more like a routine fly to the right fielder. In either case, it was definitely not a three-run

Except that, at Camden Yards it most assuredly was. Belle's big bloop skimmed over the right field wall in the comer, fair by a few yards. Suddenly, a 2-1 deficit became a 4-2 lead — on the way to a 10-7 victory - and a new era of almost frightening power had begun. For gently slicing a 1-1 low-and-away fastball to the opposite field, Belle got a standing ovation so prolonged that the 32-year-old right fielder took a curtain call, bounding out of the dugout and throwing both hands over his head to

acknowledge the packed house.
Why not? Orioles fans greeted him with a huge, booless cheer when he was introduced before the game.

"The people stood up and gave him a hell of an ovation, then when he hits a three-run bomb, he comes out of the dugout to acknowledge them," the Orioles manager, Ray Miller, said, "That's pretty special.

But that's how our fans have always been. You hate him when he's on the other side. But you don't mind loving him on this side of the field."

Bad reputation? What bad reputa-

As far as Orioles fans are concerned, Albert Belle is exactly the guy they always thought he was. You sign him. You don't rile him up with incendiary comments such as "Good morning." or "How's it going, Albert?" Then you watch him hit three-run homers from now to Closing Day. What a straightforward sweetheart of

Frank Thomas doubled twice, singled a guy. What more could you want? Got anything to add, Albert?

'Nope,'' Belle said. Of course, he hits home runs and drive in runs everywhere he plays. Nobody has stopped him in eight torrid years in

manage the trick in 1999, either. But Belle averages more home runs and drives in more runs at Carnden angry, misanthropic, misunderstood Al-Yards than in any big league park in bert Belle. "If this is how he hits when Young Award winner walked five Nelson to drive in Oakland's fifth run. with the pitchers," manager Lou Pinistruck out nine in six innings as the Red which he has played. Maybe that's be-he's not talking to the media," said a "I was very excited to take the indiend" whate sox 8, Mariners 2 Ken Griffey ella said. "We have to live with them Sox won their opener for the sixth time cause Camden Yards sometimes reveren Oriole, "I hope he doesn't say a sembles a large Little League park.

Counting Monday, Belle has 16 homers and 40 runs batted in in 158 atbats at Camden Yards.

"Albert is not a traditional home run hitter who needs to pull the ball." said the Orioles general manager. Frank Wren, who signed him.

'He uses all parts of the park for home runs, not just hits." Belle also drove a ball to the warning track in right in the fourth inning with a flick of the

Obviously. Albert has just been waiting for the Belle to ring. All spring, he's been in a slump or hitting into Florida headwinds. Batting helmets, bats and lockers have been in danger. Have you ever seen a wooden stool quake with fear? Not a pretty sight.

For the exhibition season. Belle batted .206 with one puny home run in 63 atbats. Why, Sammy Sosa hit 12 homers and Mark McGwire 9. Awaken, O Al-

And, now, he has. How convenient. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Belle lashed a single into left field for his fourth RBI. Over the last four seasons, Belle's homer and RBI totals have been 50-126, 48-148, 30-116 and 49-152. More of the same appears in store. At the very least.

Belle wasn't the only new Oriole who seemed tickled to call Oriole Park home. Will Clark, with his beautiful .302career batting stroke, could benefit most from batting in The Yard and hitting in front of Belle in the order.

For the last five years, the spacious left field at The Ballpark in Arlington has done no favors as his homers fell to 15 a year

So. Will the Transplanted Thrill began his time in Baltimore with a single, double and sacrifice fly. If Brady Anderson, Mike Bordick and Clark keep giving Belle chances to drive in runs as they did Monday by getting on base nine times among them — "then he will have a monster year," Clark said.

Belle has had a complex and controversial career. But, at 32, he's presumably more self-controlled than in the

Given his warm curtain call on Opening Day, perhaps he's also happy to be in a town that's famous for appreciating its great ballplayers on their own terms. Jim Palmer was baseball's leading hypochondriac. Frank Robinson was so competitive that he often came across as a crab. Eddie Murray and Lee May barely gave a quote per decade. Even Cal Ripthe majors and, without a court order or ken's mother called him "sulky." When the 82d Airborne, nobody's going to the mood was on him. Earl Weaver would insult anything that moved.

So, bring on smart, hard-working, word all year.'

# Yankees Start the Season in '98 Form — by Losing

For the New York Yankees, 1999 opened the same way last season did -with a loss.

"I guess they won't win 162 this Don Zimmer, the Yankees interim manyear, "said Art Howe, the Oakland man- ager. "He was like a wild lion." ager, after his team beat the Yankees, 5-3. Monday in a game called after eight homered in the top of the seventh, but cord of of 755 home runs. Griffey's shot innings by rain.

Even the addition of Roger Clemens couldn't get New York off to a better start than last year, when the Yankees he gave up the first of three Oakland runs lost their first three games, before rolling off a record 125 victories. Though his 15-game winning streak

jacked up for every start. But taking the field with these guys is very special."

"I've never seen anybody so high to win a ballgame as Clemens was." said

Clemens led, 3-2, after Derek Jeter

## AL ROUNDUP

in the bottom of the inning and ended the

night with no decision. Jason Giambi's run-scoring groundremained intact, Clemens failed to hold a out off Mike Stanton tied the game, 3-3, seventh-inning lead. He allowed three and Matt Stairs followed with a runruns and four hits in 61/2 innings and scoring single off Stanton, who took the struck out eight. The five-time Cy loss, John Jaha then doubled off Jeff

tonight." Clemens said. "I'm presty also started 1999 as he started 1998.

With Hank Aaron in the crowd in Seattle, Griffey hit a home run on opening day for the seventh time. After homering, Griffey, saluted

Aaron, who had thrown out the first ball in the last opener at the Kingdome.

Aaron holds the baseball career re-

was his 351st. "I'm still 404 behind," said Griffey, who is 29 and starting his 11th season. Griffey has homered the last three

opening days, and his seven are one shy Frank Robinson's record. The Mariners lost because their pitching also showed its 1998 form. Despite leading the majors in homers last season,

the Mariners finished 76-85. 'We're going to have to be patient and grow with them."

Jeff Fassero (0-1) allowed six runs in six innings, including two-run homers Darrin Jackson and Paul Konerko as the White Sox showed that they might have more offense than their fans expected after losing Albert Belle and

and drove in two runs for Chicago. Tigers 11, Rangers 5 Juan Encar-

nacion homered on the game's first pitch from Rick Helling (0-1) as Detroit won in Texas. Bobby Higginson and Damion Easley

Robin Ventura to free agency.

both hit three-run homers for Detroit. Red Sox 5, Royals 3 José Offerman, signed from the Royals to replace Mo Vaughn's bat, went 4-for-5 as Boston won in Kansas City. Pedro Martinez in seven years.

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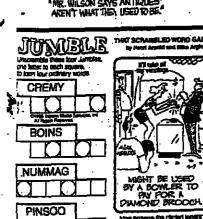






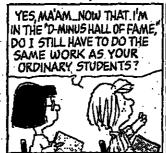


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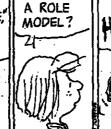




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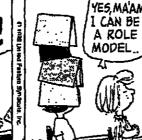


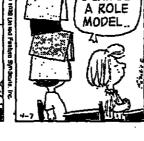


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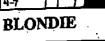
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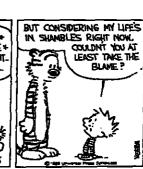


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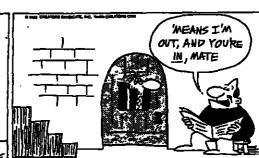






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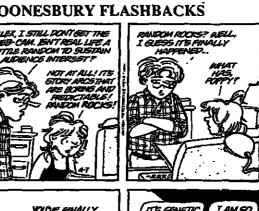




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ROCHEFORT, France — Hermione, says Maryse Vi-The air here is fragrant tal, coordinator of the Herwith the tang of freshly work- mione-Lafayette Association ed oak. Down in the cobble- that was formed in 1993 to stone-lined dry dock lies what build a replica of the ship. looks like the fossil of an enormous dinosaur, its spinal ried the welcome news of column stretching 145 feet. French assistance to the

its ribs vaulting skyward. The town of Rochefort founded more than three cen- later and sank. Its rusty anturies ago as a shipyard for chor still marks the spot. French kings, but now a depressed river port -- is trying fayette when he returned to to revive an illustrious France. After playing a hero's chapter from its past.

Hermione, a new 32-gun frig- Guard, he lost power when ate just launched at Roche- his men fired on a mob in fort, embarked with Marie Paris. He died in 1834 and Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gil- was buried in a little-known ben du Motier aboard. The Paris cemetery. Enamored to captain noted in his log that the end, he left instructions to the 23-year-old nobleman, a have his coffin covered with a native of the Auvergne region trunk of dirt he had brought in central France, quickly be- back from America. came seasick.
Ahead lay a perilous, 38-

day voyage across the Atlantic. On reaching America. the Frenchman would inform his commander. General George Washington, that King Louis XVI was pleased to commit half a dozen ships of the line and 5,000 soldiers to help the colonial rebels in their struggle against the British.

From the moment I heard the name of America pro-nounced. Hoved it." recalled the messenger on board the the French government and Hermione, who is known to the European Union, will fihistory as the Marquis de La-nance the work through

No one, perhaps, better personifies the shared ideals of the United States and and launch the ship. France - and their long, if sometimes testy, alliance - fully rigged and trimmed with than Lafayette, a recruit to the cause of American liberty Lafayette's 1780 voyage to whom Washington treated as Boston, then return as the a beloved son. It is a rela- jewel of a tourist complex de-

Rochefort helped cement.
"If the United States exists, it is a little bit thanks to

The three-master that car-American revolutionaries ran aground off Brittany 13 years

A similar fate befell Larole in the French Revolution On Murch 10, 1780, the as commander of the National

> Half a dozen carpenters are building the ship, working with electric saws and planes but also with the same type of adzes and long iron chisels used in the 18th century. If all goes as planned, the skeleton and hull should be finished by 2005, the rest by 2007.

> Nobody knows how the reproduction will be paid for. About \$2.3 million, mostly from the town of Rochefort. year's end. But if estimates

Once the Hermione is built. tionship the vessel from voted to ships and the sea.

# A Playwright Spinning Tales of Irish Wool

By Mel Gussow New York Times Service

NEW YORK — When Conor McPherson was 10 and growing up in Dublin, he would gather his friends in his family's garage and entertain them with ghost stories of his own invention.

Seventeen years later, he is still telling stories, but the stage and the audience are considerably larger. Along with Martin Mc-Donagh, Sebastian Barry and Billy Roche, he is a leader—and, at 27, the youngest—of a wave of Irish playwrights who are bringing new vitality to the contemporary theater.

McPherson's play "The Weir." which opened last week at the Walter Kerr Theater. has already been a hit in Dublin and London (where it won an Olivier award as best new play). An earlier work. "This Lime Tree Bower," will open in May at Primary Stages, which presented his "St. Nicholas" with Brian Cox last year.

In "The Weir." old friends exchange

ghost stories in a rural Irish pub. trying to impress a young woman who has moved to the village from Dublin. In response, she offers a far more personal remembrance that has a disturbing effect on her listeners.

The title refers to a dam, he said: "On one side it is quite calm, and on the other side water is being squeezed through. Metaphorically the play is about a breakthrough. Lots under the surface is coming out. It's resonant of two worlds, the supernatural and our ordinary world past and present. I thought it was a great title, but 90 percent of the people

I've met just don't know what a weir is." He added. "I saw a production of the play in Paris, called 'La Fille de Dublin.' The Girl From Dublin.' He laughed at that title and then merrily sang it to the tune of the 'Girl From Ipanema.'

McPherson was moved to write the play by memories of his visits as a teenager to his grandfather, who lived alone in Leitrim, a desolate area in the west of Ireland. "It was very quiet and dark there," he said. "It was like a culture shock. I suppose the whole environment was always somewhere in me. I couldn't forget about it."

'The Weir'' conjures up a feeling of that



Conor McPherson: "I want to get to the nuts and bolts very quickly."

quiet and conversational, overheard stories ture, he might credit himself with "an in-

dialogue, or, in this case, of successive monologues to be a collegiality despite their vastly different approaches. McPherson regards Roche, whose "Wexford Trilogy" has not been done in New York, as "one of the greatest playwrights," someone who is "not asshamed to write about contact of the must and bolts very quickly. ashamed to write about people who fall in love and have their hearts broken."

Barry said about "The Weir": "I'm sure the play will capture the imagination in New York as it has done on the other side of the water. From my point of view, he's the only Irish playwright I've seen, including Me-Donagh, who has a gift for structure." To audiences, the structure may not be imme-diately apparent. In McPherson plays, people stand around talking, and except in " Weir." they do not address one another.

The most dramatic events occur off-stage solitude and intimacy.

In contrast to McDonagh's power struggles ("The Beauty Queen of Leen-their lives and sometimes swept into acts of ane") and Barry's visceral explorations of violence.

that disarm audiences and linger dreamlike stinct for pace. for the ebb and flow of in their minds. dialogue, or, in this case, of successive mono-

Maybe it's a cinematic way of thinking."

Oddly enough, "This Lime Tree Bower." a three-character collage of monologues, is being made into a film with 43 speaking roles and no monologues. McPherson is the director as well as writer, and his work on the movie in Ireland kept him from attending the opening of "The Weir" on Broadway. But his mother will attend. As he said, "We don't have the author, we have the author's mum.'

Looking back on the Irish playwriting tradition, McPherson expressed a particular af-finity for Samuel Beckett: "What we perceive is very limited, and to watch us walking In contrast to McDonagh's power struggles ("The Beauty Queen of Leenary and Barry's visceral explorations of recent Irish history ("The Steward of Christendom"). McPherson said that instead of structure are about swept into acts of violence.

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anything and you're completely lost?"

And yet, as with Winnie in Beckett's 'Happy Days," he said, one goes right on

through the rituals of daily life.

As a playwright, he also feels a strong connection to American writers. He said that reading the work of Arthur Miller and David Mamet inspired him to write his first plays. He "devoured" "Death of a Salesman" and then moved on to Mamet's "Glengarry Glen

"I started to write by copying the way Mamet wrote, that kind of very fast dialogue." McPherson said. His first play, written when he was studying philosophy at the University College Dublin, was directly derivative, a one-act "about businessmen in shirt-sleeves,

It was called "Taking Stock." but, he joked, the title could have been "Glenagaire Glen Ross." McPherson also directed it. His early plays were ensemble pieces. Then suddenly he switched to monologues. This

was a breakthrough, a kind of artistic weir.

With "This Lime Tree Bower." which
moved from Dublin to the Bush Theater in London. McPherson broadened his canvas. In this story of friendship and the limits of loyalty, three young men reveal themselves in a series of high-spirited, overlapping monologues. The next step. The Weir, demonstrated that he could use his gift for monologue in a play with interaction.

monologue in a play with interaction.

His works often contain an eerie element.

Cemeteries and funeral parlors figure prominently, which he attributes to a feeling of "Catholic guilt." He returns to this in his next play, "Dublin Carol."

It is set in an undertaker's office on Christ-

mas Eve and is about "someone who cannot understand that what's happening to him is beyond his control." He continued. "I think audiences can identify with that. It's the need to project a coping persona when you might

feel you're going to explode."
Unlike many of his countrymen, he never deals with politics in his plays. "I don't want to make a fiction out of it," he said. "For me it's too current, too real." He added: "I think I write about very ordinary things. It's enough to have a story about those guys in the bur."

Despite the bleakness of the setting in "The Weir," theatergoers have apparently warmed to the environment. As McPherson

#### **PEOPLE**

3 New Prizes for Nonfiction Writing

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The newly created J. Anthony Lukas Prize Project has honored three nonfiction authors, with the largest award being a \$45,000

grant to a freelance writer who has been struggling financially to finish a book

about six World War II veterans from New Jersey. Kevin Coyne, 39, a former

newspaper reporter, received the \$45,000 prize for his work in progress. "The

Also honored were Henry Mayer, with a \$10,000 award for his book "All on

Fire: William Lloyd Garrison and the Abolition of Slavery." and Adam Hochschild, with a \$10,000 prize for his account of the plundering of the Congo

by King Leopold II of Belgium: "King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed.

The awards recognize nonfiction writing that demonstrates literary grace.

serious research and concern for an important aspect of American life.

Robert Pinsky, who teaches creative to Nathan Morris, one of the founders of writing at Boston University, is the ninth the Grammy-winning group from Phillaureate since Congress created the title adelphia. Morris countered with his own in 1985. He was reappointed to a third news release, saying Boyz II Men "have year Monday by Librarian of Congress not and will not be signing a management James H. Billington. Pinsky has been deal with Magic Johnson Management." deal with Magic Johnson Management."

The band would stick with the manager it to stress that poemy is part of life.

The singer Dusty Springfield, who died last month, willed her cat to a friend and arranged for the animal's favorite dish -- canned baby tood -- to be flown in from the United States, a London newspaper reported. The Sunday Mirror aid Springfield left the cat. Nicholas, to Lee Everett-Alkin, along with the animal's elaborate indoor "treehouse,"

Magic Johnson's fast break into the music biz may have been a bit too fast. In a news release last week, the former basketball star announced his new venture. Magic Johnson Music Management,

THE poet laureate of the United States One of its first signings, it said, was the is getting a third year on the job. R&B group Boyz II Men. That was news

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Three of Tammy Wynette's daughters have filed a \$50 million lawsuit blaming the singer's death on negli-

monitor her condition closely and overprescribed medication. They alleged that Wynette's husband. George Richey, did not seek medical care for her after Marsh urged him to do so on the day of her

Bob Dylan and Paul Simon will hit the road together for a summer tour, the first time they have shared a concert bill. Each will play a 75-minute set and, on

Smith charged Monday that Wynette died because Wallis Marsh did not

most of the tour's 32 dates, will play a few duets. The tour starts June 6 in Colorado Springs, and ends at Jones Beach in New York on July 31.

Victoria Adams, Posh Spice of the pop group the Spice Girls, plans to marry the father of her newborn baby on July 4 near Dublin. The Sun reported in London. Adams and the soccer player David Beckham have asked their 500 invited guests to wear black and white and leave their cameras at home.



Robert Pinsky is getting a third year as the U.S. poet laureate.



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